

Quark-Hadron Duality in Electron Scattering

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Abstract

The duality between partonic and hadronic descriptions of physical phenomena is one of the most remarkable features of strong interaction physics. A classic example of this is in electron-nucleon scattering, in which low-energy cross sections, when averaged over appropriate energy intervals, are found to exhibit the scaling behavior expected from perturbative QCD. We present a comprehensive review of data on structure functions in the resonance region, from which the global and local aspects of duality are quantified, including its flavor, spin and nuclear medium dependence. To interpret the experimental findings, we discuss various theoretical approaches which have been developed to understand the microscopic origins of quark-hadron duality in QCD. Examples from other reactions are used to place duality in a broader context, and future experimental and theoretical challenges are identified.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Three decades after the establishment of QCD as the theory of the strong nuclear force, understanding *how* QCD works remains one of the great challenges in nuclear physics. A major obstacle arises from the fact that the degrees of freedom observed in nature (hadrons and nuclei) are totally different from those appearing in the QCD Lagrangian (current quarks and gluons). The remarkable feature of QCD at large distances — quark confinement — prevents the individual quark and gluon constituents making up hadronic bound states to be removed and examined in isolation. Making the transition from quark and gluon (or generically, parton) to hadron degrees of freedom is therefore the key to our ability to describe nature from first principles.

The property of QCD known as asymptotic freedom, in which quarks interact weakly at short distances, allows one to calculate hadronic observables at asymptotically high energies perturbatively, in terms of expansions in the strong coupling constant g_s , or more commonly $\alpha_s = g_s^2/4\pi$. Figure 1 shows a recent summary of all measurements of α_s [1], as a function of the momentum scale Q . The small value of α_s at large momentum scales (or short distances) makes possible an efficient description of phenomena in terms of quarks and gluons.

At low momentum scales, on the other hand, where α_s is large, the effects of confinement make strongly-coupled QCD highly nonperturbative. Here, it is more efficient to work with collective degrees of freedom, the physical mesons and baryons. Because of confinement, quarks and gluons must end up in color singlet bound states of hadrons, so that exact QCD calculations at some level must be sensitive to multihadron effects.

Despite the apparent dichotomy between the partonic and hadronic regimes, in nature there exist instances where the behavior of low-energy cross sections, averaged over appropriate energy intervals, closely resembles that at asymptotically high energies, calculated in terms of quark-gluon degrees of freedom. This phenomenon is referred to as *quark-hadron duality*, and reflects the relationship between confinement and asymptotic freedom, and the transition from perturbative to nonperturbative regimes in QCD. Such duality is in fact quite general, and arises in many different physical processes, such as in e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons, or semi-leptonic decays of heavy mesons. In electron–nucleon scattering, quark-hadron duality links the physics of resonance production to the physics of scaling, and is the focus of this review.

The observation of a nontrivial relationship between inclusive electron–nucleon scattering cross sections at low energy, in the region dominated by the nucleon resonances, and that in the deep inelastic scaling regime at high energy predates QCD itself. While analyzing the data from the early deep inelastic scattering experiments at SLAC, Bloom and Gilman observed [2,3] that the inclusive structure function at low hadronic final state mass, W , generally follows a global scaling curve which describes high- W data, to which the resonance structure function averages. Initial interpretations of this duality used the theoretical tools available at the time, namely finite energy sum rules, or consistency relations between hadronic amplitudes inspired by the developments in Regge theory which occurred in the 1960s [4].

Following the advent of QCD in the early 1970s, Bloom-Gilman duality was reformulated [5,6] in terms of an operator product (or “twist”) expansion of moments of structure functions. This allowed a systematic classification of terms responsible for duality and its vi-

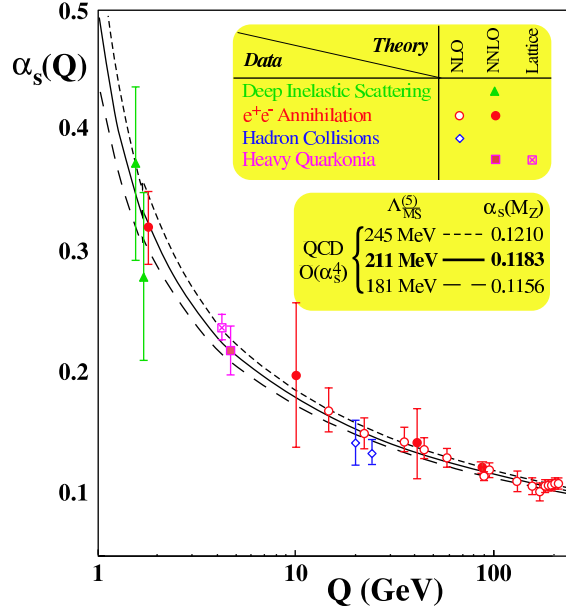


FIG. 1. Summary of measurements of $\alpha_s(Q)$. The curves shown differ in their choice of the QCD scale parameter, Λ_{QCD} . (From Ref. [1].)

olation in terms of so-called “higher-twist” operators, which describe long-range interactions between quarks and gluons. Ultimately, however, this description fell short of adequately explaining *why* particular multi-parton correlations were suppressed, and *how* the physics of resonances gave way to scaling. From the mid-1970s the subject was largely forgotten for almost two decades, as attention turned from the complicated resonance region to the more tractable problem of calculating higher order perturbative corrections to parton distributions, and accurately describing their Q^2 evolution.

With the development of high luminosity beams at modern accelerator facilities such as Jefferson Lab (JLab), a wealth of new information on structure functions, with unprecedented accuracy and over a wide range of kinematics, has recently become available. One of the striking findings of the new JLab data [7] is that Bloom-Gilman duality appears to work exceedingly well, down to Q^2 values as low as 1 GeV^2 or even below, which is considerably lower than previously believed. Furthermore, the equivalence of the averaged resonance and scaling structure functions seems to hold for each of the prominent resonance regions individually, indicating that a resonance–scaling duality exists to some extent locally as well. Even though at such low Q^2 values α_s is relatively large, *on average* the inclusive scattering process appears to mimic the scattering of electrons from almost free quarks. All of this has subsequently led to a resurgence of interest in questions about the origin of duality in deep inelastic scattering and related processes, and has motivated a number of theoretical studies which have helped to elucidate important aspects of the transition from coherent to incoherent phenomena.

In principle, at high energies the duality between quark and hadron descriptions of phenomena can be considered as formally exact. However, for a limited energy range, there is no reason to expect the accuracy to which duality holds and the kinematic regime where

it applies to be similar for different physical processes. In fact, there could be qualitative differences between the workings of duality in spin-dependent structure functions and spin-averaged ones, or for different hadrons — protons compared to neutrons, for instance. The new data not only allow one to study in unprecedented detail the systematics of duality in local regions of kinematics, but also for the first time make it possible to examine the spin and target dependence of duality. In addition, they allow more reliable studies of the moments of structure functions in the intermediate Q^2 region, where there are sizable contributions from nucleon resonances.

The recent resonance structure function studies have revealed an important application of duality: if the workings of the resonance–deep inelastic interplay are sufficiently well understood, the region of high Bjorken- x ($x \gtrsim 0.7$, where x is the longitudinal momentum fraction of the hadron carried by the parton in the infinite momentum frame) would become accessible to precision studies. As we explain later in this report, there are many reasons why accurate knowledge of the large- x region is important. However, due to limitations of luminosity and energy, this region has not been mapped out with the required precision in any experiments to date. Other applications of duality can be found in providing an efficient average low-energy description of hadronic physics used in the interpretation of neutrino oscillation and high energy physics experiments, and in a more detailed understanding of how quarks evolve into hadrons (hadronization). The latter is the subject of duality studies in meson electroproduction reactions, where at present only sparse data exist.

Finally, it is important to note that the moments of polarized and unpolarized structure functions are currently the subject of some attention in lattice QCD simulations. Comparisons of the experimental moments with those calculated on the lattice over a range $Q^2 \approx 1\text{--}10 \text{ GeV}^2$ will allow one to determine the size of higher twist corrections and the role played by quark-gluon correlations in the nucleon. For the experimental moments, an appreciable fraction of the strength resides in the nucleon resonance region, so that understanding of quark-hadron duality is vital also for the interpretation of the results from lattice QCD.

In view of the accumulation of high precision data on structure functions in the resonance–scaling transition region, and the recent theoretical developments in understanding the origins of duality, it is timely therefore to review the status of quark-hadron duality in electron–nucleon scattering. Following a review of definitions and kinematics relevant for inclusive scattering in Section II, we give an historical perspective of duality in Section III, recalling the understanding and interpretation of quark-hadron duality as it existed up to the 1970s. Section IV is the central experimental part of this review, where we describe the progress in the study of duality in both spin-averaged and spin-dependent structure functions over the last decade. Readers familiar with Regge theory and duality in hadronic reactions may wish to omit Sec. III and proceed to Sec. IV directly.

The theoretical foundations of quark-hadron duality are reviewed in Section V. Here we firstly outline the basic formalism of the operator product expansion relevant for the interpretation of duality in terms of higher twist suppression. This is followed by a survey of duality in various dynamical models which have been used to verify the compatibility of scaling in the presence of confinement. We then proceed to more phenomenological applications of local duality, and extensions of duality to semi-inclusive and exclusive reactions.

To shed light on the more fundamental underpinnings of quark-hadron duality in QCD, in Section VI the concept of duality in electron scattering is compared to that in closely-related

fields, such as e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons, heavy meson decays, and proton-antiproton annihilation. Section VII deals with applications of duality and anticipated studies over the next decade, and some concluding remarks are given in Section VIII.

II. LEPTON–NUCLEON SCATTERING: KINEMATICS AND CROSS SECTIONS

In this section we present the kinematics relevant for inclusive lepton–nucleon scattering, and introduce notations and definitions for cross sections, structure functions, and their moments, both for unpolarized and polarized scattering. These can be found in standard texts [8,9], but the most relevant formulas are provided here for completeness.

A. Kinematics

The process which we focus on mainly in this report is inclusive scattering of an electron (the case of muon or neutrino scattering is similar) from a nucleon (or another hadronic or nuclear) target, $eN \rightarrow e'X$, where X represents the inclusive hadronic final state. In the target rest frame, the incident electron with energy E scatters from the target through an angle θ , with a recoil energy E' . In the one-photon (or Born) approximation, as illustrated in Fig. 2, the scattering takes place via the exchange of a virtual photon (or W^\pm or Z boson in neutrino scattering) with energy

$$\nu = E - E' , \quad (1)$$

and momentum \vec{q} .

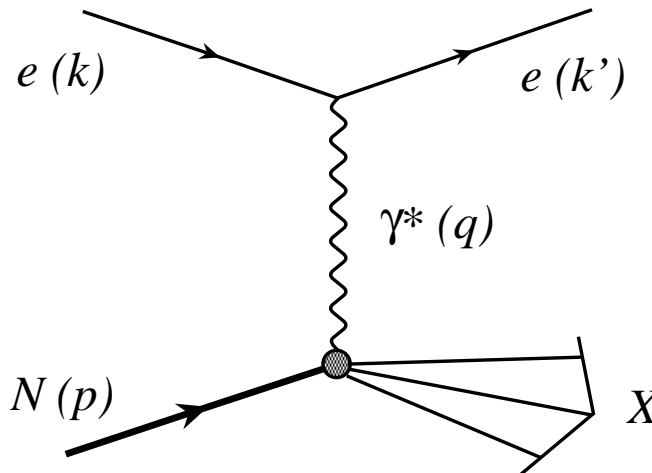


FIG. 2. Inclusive lepton–nucleon scattering in the one-photon exchange approximation. The four-momenta of the particles are given in parentheses.

Throughout we use natural units, $\hbar = c = 1$, so that momenta and masses are expressed in units of GeV (rather than GeV/c or GeV/c²). The virtuality of the photon is then given by $q^2 = \nu^2 - \vec{q}^2$. Since the photon is spacelike, it is often more convenient to work with the positive quantity $Q^2 \equiv -q^2$, which is related to the electron energies and scattering angle by

$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} , \quad (2)$$

where we have also neglected the small mass of the electron. The invariant mass squared of the final hadronic state is

$$W^2 = (p + q)^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2 , \quad (3)$$

where p and q are the target nucleon and virtual photon four-momenta, respectively, and M is the nucleon mass.

The cross sections for this process in general depend on two independent variables, which can be taken to be the scattering angle and recoil energy, or alternatively ν and Q^2 . Often they are also expressed in terms of the ratio of Q^2 and ν , through the Bjorken x variable,

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} . \quad (4)$$

In terms of x , the hadronic state mass W can also be written as $W^2 = M^2 + Q^2(1 - x)/x$. For the special case of elastic scattering, one has $W = M$, and hence $x = 1$.

B. Spin-Averaged Cross Sections

In the one-photon exchange approximation, the differential cross section for scattering unpolarized electrons from an unpolarized nucleon target can be written as

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{\alpha^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} , \quad (5)$$

where α is the fine structure constant, and $\Omega = \Omega(\theta, \phi)$ is the laboratory solid angle of the scattered electron. The leptonic tensor $L_{\mu\nu}$ averaged over initial spins is given by

$$L_{\mu\nu} = 2 \left(k_\mu k'_\nu + k'_\mu k_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} k \cdot k' \right) , \quad (6)$$

where k and k' are the initial and final electron momenta, respectively.

The hadronic tensor $W^{\mu\nu}$ contains all of the information about the structure of the nucleon target. Using constraints from Lorentz and gauge invariance, together with parity conservation, the hadronic tensor can be decomposed into two independent structures,

$$W^{\mu\nu} = W_1(\nu, Q^2) \left(\frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} - g^{\mu\nu} \right) + \frac{W_2(\nu, Q^2)}{M^2} \left(p^\mu + \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\mu \right) \left(p^\nu + \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\nu \right) , \quad (7)$$

where W_1 and W_2 are scalar functions of ν and Q^2 . Using Eqs. (6) and (7), the differential cross section can then be written

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \left(2W_1(\nu, Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + W_2(\nu, Q^2) \right) , \quad (8)$$

where σ_{Mott} is the Mott cross section for scattering from a point particle,

$$\sigma_{\text{Mott}} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} . \quad (9)$$

Note that for a structureless target, W_1 and W_2 become δ -functions, and Eq. (8) reduces to the Dirac cross section for scattering from spin-1/2 particles.

In the Bjorken limit, in which both Q^2 and $\nu \rightarrow \infty$, but x is fixed, the structure functions W_1 and W_2 exhibit scaling. Namely, they become independent of Q^2 , and are functions of the variable x only (logarithmic Q^2 dependence enters at finite Q^2 through QCD radiative effects). It is convenient therefore to introduce the dimensionless functions F_1 and F_2 , defined by

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = MW_1(\nu, Q^2) , \quad (10)$$

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \nu W_2(\nu, Q^2) . \quad (11)$$

In the quark-parton model the F_1 and F_2 structure functions are given in terms of quark and antiquark distribution functions, $q(x)$ and $\bar{q}(x)$,

$$F_2(x) = 2xF_1(x) = x \sum_q e_q^2 (q(x) + \bar{q}(x)) , \quad (12)$$

where $q(x)$ is interpreted as the probability to find a quark of flavor q in the nucleon with light-cone momentum fraction x . The relation between the F_1 and F_2 structure functions in Eq. (12) is referred to as the Callan-Gross relation [10]. Beyond the quark-parton model, the residual Q^2 dependence in F_1 and F_2 arises from scaling violations through perturbative QCD corrections, as well as $1/Q^2$ power corrections which will be discussed in the following sections. In terms of these dimensionless functions, the differential cross section can be written as

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \left(\frac{2}{M} F_1(x, Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{\nu} F_2(x, Q^2) \right) . \quad (13)$$

Expressed in this way, the functions F_1 and F_2 reflect the possibility of magnetic as well as electric scattering, or alternatively, the photoabsorption of either transversely (helicity ± 1) or longitudinally (helicity 0) polarized photons. From this perspective, the cross section can be expressed in terms of σ_T and σ_L , the cross sections for the absorption of transverse and longitudinal photons,

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \Gamma \left(\sigma_T(x, Q^2) + \epsilon \sigma_L(x, Q^2) \right) . \quad (14)$$

Here Γ is the flux of transverse virtual photons,

$$\Gamma = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi^2 Q^2} \frac{E'}{E} \frac{K}{1 - \epsilon} , \quad (15)$$

where, in the Hand convention, the factor K is given by

$$K = \frac{W^2 - M^2}{2M} = \nu(1 - x) . \quad (16)$$

The ratio of longitudinal to transverse virtual photon polarizations,

$$\epsilon = \left[1 + 2\left(1 + \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2}\right) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]^{-1} , \quad (17)$$

ranges between $\epsilon = 0$ and 1.

In terms of σ_T and σ_L , the structure functions F_1 and F_2 can be written as

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{K}{4\pi^2\alpha} M \sigma_T(x, Q^2) , \quad (18)$$

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{K}{4\pi^2\alpha} \frac{\nu}{(1 + \nu^2/Q^2)} \left[\sigma_T(x, Q^2) + \sigma_L(x, Q^2) \right] . \quad (19)$$

The ratio of longitudinal to transverse cross sections can also be expressed as

$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T} = \frac{F_2}{2xF_1} \left(1 + \frac{4M^2x^2}{Q^2} \right) - 1 . \quad (20)$$

Note that while the F_1 structure function is related only to the transverse virtual photon coupling, F_2 is a combination of both transverse and longitudinal couplings. It is useful therefore to define a purely longitudinal structure function F_L ,

$$F_L = \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2} \right) F_2 - 2xF_1 , \quad (21)$$

in which case the ratio R can be written

$$R = \frac{F_L}{2xF_1} . \quad (22)$$

Using the ratio R , the F_2 structure function can be extracted from the measured differential cross sections according to

$$F_2 = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{Mott}}} \nu \epsilon \frac{(1 + R)}{(1 + \epsilon R)} . \quad (23)$$

Knowledge of R is therefore a prerequisite for extracting information on F_2 (or F_1) from inclusive electron scattering cross sections.

To complete the discussion of unpolarized scattering, we give the expressions for the inclusive neutrino scattering cross sections. For the charged current reactions $\nu N \rightarrow e^- X$ or $\bar{\nu} N \rightarrow e^+ X$, constraints of Lorentz and gauge invariance allow the cross section to be expressed in terms of three functions,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2\sigma^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{G_F^2 E'^2}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 + Q^2} \right)^2 & \left(2W_1^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(\nu, Q^2) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + W_2^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(\nu, Q^2) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right. \\ & \left. \pm W_3^{\nu,\bar{\nu}} \frac{E + E'}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) , \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where G_F is the Fermi weak interaction coupling constant, and M_W is the W -boson mass (with analogous expressions for the neutral current cross sections). In analogy with Eqs. (10) and (11), one can define dimensionless structure functions for neutrino scattering as

$$F_1^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(x, Q^2) = MW_1^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(\nu, Q^2) , \quad (25)$$

$$F_2^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(x, Q^2) = \nu W_2^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(\nu, Q^2) , \quad (26)$$

$$F_3^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(x, Q^2) = \nu W_3^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(\nu, Q^2) . \quad (27)$$

The main difference between the electromagnetic and weak scattering cases is the presence in Eq. (24) of the parity-violating term proportional to the function W_3 . Because of its parity transformation properties, it is also odd under charge conjugation, so that in the parton model the F_3 structure function of an isoscalar nucleon ($N = (p + n)/2$) is proportional to the *difference* of quark distributions rather than their sum,

$$xF_3^{\nu N}(x) = x \sum_q (q(x) - \bar{q}(x)) . \quad (28)$$

C. Spin Structure Functions

Inclusive scattering of a polarized electron beam from a polarized nucleon target allows one to study the internal spin structure of the nucleon. Recent technical improvements in polarized beams and targets have made possible increasingly accurate measurements of two additional structure functions, g_1 and g_2 .

For spin-dependent scattering, the differential cross section can be written as a product of leptonic and hadronic tensors, $L_{\mu\nu}^A W_A^{\mu\nu}$, in analogy with Eq. (5), where both tensors are now antisymmetric in the Lorentz indices μ and ν . The antisymmetric leptonic tensor is given by

$$L_{\mu\nu}^A = \mp 2i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} k^\rho k'^\lambda \quad (29)$$

for electron helicity ± 1 . The antisymmetric hadron tensor is written in terms of the spin dependent g_1 and g_2 structure functions as

$$W_A^{\mu\nu} = i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} \frac{q_\rho}{p \cdot q} \left(g_1(x, Q^2) s_\lambda + g_2(x, Q^2) \left[s_\lambda - \frac{s \cdot q}{p \cdot q} p_\lambda \right] \right) , \quad (30)$$

where s_λ is the spin four-vector of the target nucleon, with $s^2 = -1$ and $p \cdot s = 0$.

The structure functions g_1 and g_2 can be extracted from measurements where longitudinally polarized leptons are scattered from a target that is polarized either longitudinally or transversely relative to the electron beam. For longitudinal beam and target polarization, the difference between the spin-aligned and spin-antialigned cross sections is given by

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}}{d\Omega dE'} - \frac{d^2\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \frac{1}{M\nu} 4 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left([E + E' \cos \theta] g_1(x, Q^2) - 2Mx g_2(x, Q^2) \right) , \quad (31)$$

where the arrows \uparrow and $\uparrow\uparrow$ denote the electron and nucleon spin orientations, respectively. Because of the kinematic factors associated with the g_1 and g_2 terms in Eq. (31), at high

energies the g_1 structure function dominates the longitudinally polarized cross section. The g_2 structure function can be extracted if one in addition measures the cross section for a nucleon polarized in a direction transverse to the beam polarization,

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\uparrow\Rightarrow}}{d\Omega dE'} - \frac{d^2\sigma^{\uparrow\Leftarrow}}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \frac{1}{M\nu} 4E' \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta \left(g_1(x, Q^2) + \frac{2E}{\nu} g_2(x, Q^2) \right). \quad (32)$$

In practice, it is often easier to measure polarization asymmetries, or ratios of spin-dependent to spin-averaged cross sections. The longitudinal (A_{\parallel}) and transverse (A_{\perp}) polarization asymmetries are defined by

$$A_{\parallel} = \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow\Downarrow} - \sigma^{\uparrow\Uparrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow\Downarrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow\Uparrow}}, \quad (33)$$

$$A_{\perp} = \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow\Rightarrow} - \sigma^{\uparrow\Leftarrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow\Rightarrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow\Leftarrow}}, \quad (34)$$

where for shorthand we denote $\sigma^{\uparrow\Downarrow} \equiv d^2\sigma^{\uparrow\Downarrow}/d\Omega dE'$, *etc.* The g_1 and g_2 structure functions can then be extracted from the polarization asymmetries according to

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = F_1(x, Q^2) \frac{1}{d'} \left(A_{\parallel} + \tan \frac{\theta}{2} A_{\perp} \right), \quad (35)$$

and

$$g_2(x, Q^2) = F_1(x, Q^2) \frac{y}{2d'} \left(\frac{E + E' \cos \theta}{E' \sin \theta} A_{\perp} - A_{\parallel} \right), \quad (36)$$

where $d' = (1 - \epsilon)(2 - y)/[y(1 + \epsilon R(x, Q^2))]$, and $y = \nu/E$.

One can also define virtual photon absorption asymmetries A_1 and A_2 in terms of the measured asymmetries,

$$A_{\parallel} = D(A_1 + \eta A_2), \quad (37)$$

$$A_{\perp} = d(A_2 - \zeta A_1), \quad (38)$$

where the photon depolarization factor is $D = (1 - E'\epsilon/E)/(1 + \epsilon R(x, Q^2))$, and the other kinematic factors are given by $\eta = \epsilon\sqrt{Q^2}/(E - E'\epsilon)$, $d = D\sqrt{2\epsilon/(1 + \epsilon)}$, and $\zeta = \eta(1 + \epsilon)/2\epsilon$. The A_1 asymmetry can also directly be expressed in terms of the g_1 , g_2 and F_1 structure functions,

$$A_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{F_1(x, Q^2)} \left(g_1(x, Q^2) - \frac{4M^2 x^2}{Q^2} g_2(x, Q^2) \right). \quad (39)$$

At small values of x^2/Q^2 , one then has $A_1 \approx g_1/F_1$. If the Q^2 dependence of the polarized and unpolarized structure functions is similar, the polarization asymmetry A_1 will be weakly dependent on Q^2 . This may be convenient when comparing resonance region data with deep inelastic data. On the other hand, a presentation of the data in terms of g_1 is less sensitive to the detailed knowledge of g_2 or A_2 . Note that both the spin structure functions and the polarization asymmetries depend on the unpolarized structure function F_1 , and hence require

knowledge of R to determine F_1 from the measured unpolarized cross sections. Furthermore, positivity constraints lead to bounds on the magnitude of the virtual photon asymmetries,

$$|A_1| \leq 1, \quad |A_2| \leq \sqrt{R(x, Q^2)}. \quad (40)$$

Finally, in the quark-parton model the g_1 structure function is expressed in terms of differences between quark distributions with spins aligned (q^\uparrow) and antialigned (q^\downarrow) relative to that of the nucleon, $\Delta q(x) = q^\uparrow(x) - q^\downarrow(x)$,

$$g_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 (\Delta q(x) + \Delta \bar{q}(x)). \quad (41)$$

The g_2 structure function, on the other hand, does not have a simple partonic interpretation. However, its measurement provides important information on the so-called higher twist contributions, which form a main focus in this review.

D. Moments of Structure Functions

Having introduced the unpolarized and polarized structure functions above, here we define their moments, or x -weighted integrals. Following standard notation, the n -th moments of the spin-averaged F_1 , F_2 and F_L structure functions are defined as

$$M_1^{(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} F_1(x, Q^2), \quad (42)$$

$$M_{2,L}^{(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-2} F_{2,L}(x, Q^2), \quad (43)$$

and similarly for the neutrino structure functions $F_{1,2,3}^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}$. With this definition, in which the moments are usually referred to as the Cornwall-Norton moments [11], the $n = 1$ moment of the F_1 structure function in the parton model effectively counts quark charges, while the $n = 2$ moment of the F_2 structure function corresponds to the momentum sum rule. In the Bjorken limit, the moments of the F_1 and F_2 structure functions are related via the Callan-Gross relation, Eq. (12), as $M_2^{(n)} = 2M_1^{(n)}$.

As discussed in Sec. V A 1 below, formally the operator product expansion in QCD defines the moments for $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$. To obtain moments for other values of n requires an analytic continuation to be made in n . Alternatively, if the x dependence of the structure functions is known, one can define the moments operationally via Eqs. (42) and (43). Note that formally the moments include also the elastic point at $x = 1$, which, while negligible at high Q^2 , can give large contributions at small Q^2 .

The Cornwall-Norton moments defined in terms of the Bjorken x scaling variable are appropriate in the region of kinematics where Q^2 is much larger than typical hadronic mass scales, where corrections of the type M^2/Q^2 can be neglected. In this case only operators with spin n contribute to the n -th moments (see Sec. V A). For finite M^2/Q^2 , however, the n -th moments receive contributions from spins n and higher, which can complicate the physical interpretation of the moments.

By redefining the moments in terms of a generalized scaling variable ξ which takes target mass corrections into account, Nachtmann [12] showed that the new n -th moments still receive contributions from spin n operators only, even at finite M^2/Q^2 . Specifically, for the F_2 structure function one has [12,13]

$$M_2^{N(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\xi^{n+1}}{x^3} \left\{ \frac{3 + 3(n+1)r + n(n+2)r^2}{(n+2)(n+3)} \right\} F_2(x, Q^2) , \quad (44)$$

where

$$\xi = \frac{2x}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2}} \quad (45)$$

is the Nachtmann scaling variable, and $r = \sqrt{1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2}$. In the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ one can easily verify that the moment $M_2^{N(n)} \rightarrow M_2^{(n)}$ in Eq. (43). Similarly, for the longitudinal Nachtmann moments, one has [12,14]

$$M_L^{N(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\xi^{n+1}}{x^3} \left\{ F_L(x, Q^2) + \frac{4M^2x^2}{Q^2} \frac{(n+1)\xi/x - 2(n+2)}{(n+2)(n+3)} F_2(x, Q^2) \right\} , \quad (46)$$

which approaches $M_L^{(n)}$ in the $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ limit. The Nachtmann ξ variable and the corresponding moments can also be generalized to include finite quark mass effects [15,16], although in practice this is mainly relevant for heavy quarks.

For spin-dependent scattering, the n -th Cornwall-Norton moments of the g_1 and g_2 structure functions are defined analogously to Eqs. (42) and (43) as

$$\Gamma_{1,2}^{(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} g_{1,2}(x, Q^2) , \quad (47)$$

for $n = 1, 3, 5 \dots$ in the case of the g_1 structure function, and $n = 3, 5 \dots$ for g_2 . With this definition the $n = 1$ moment of g_1 corresponds to the nucleon axial vector charge. As for the unpolarized moments, for other values of n one needs to either analytically continue in n , or define the moments operationally via Eq. (47). In the text we will sometimes refer to the lowest ($n = 1$) moments $\Gamma_{1,2}^{(1)}$ simply as $\Gamma_{1,2}$, without the superscript.

The finite- Q^2 generalization of the $\Gamma_1^{(n)}$ moment of the g_1 structure function in terms of the Nachtmann ξ variable is given by [17]

$$\Gamma_1^{N(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\xi^{n+1}}{x^2} \left\{ \left[\frac{x}{\xi} - \frac{n^2}{(n+2)^2} \frac{M^2x^2}{Q^2} \frac{\xi}{x} \right] g_1(x, Q^2) - \frac{4n}{n+2} \frac{M^2x^2}{Q^2} g_2(x, Q^2) \right\} , \quad (48)$$

which approaches $\Gamma_1^{(n)}$ in the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$. For the g_2 structure function, the most direct generalization is actually one which contains a combination of g_1 and g_2 (corresponding to “twist-3” — see Sec. V A 2) [17],

$$\Gamma_2^{N(n)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\xi^{n+1}}{x^2} \left\{ \frac{x}{\xi} g_1(x, Q^2) + \left[\frac{n}{n-1} \frac{x^2}{\xi^2} - \frac{n}{n+1} \frac{M^2x^2}{Q^2} \right] g_2(x, Q^2) \right\} , \quad (49)$$

so that in the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$, one has $\Gamma_2^{N(n)} \rightarrow \Gamma_1^{(n)} + n/(n-1)\Gamma_2^{(n)}$.

III. QUARK-HADRON DUALITY: AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Before embarking on the presentation of the recent data on structure functions in the resonance region and assessing their impact on our theoretical understanding of Bloom-Gilman duality, it will be instructive to trace the origins of this phenomenon back to the late 1960s in order to appreciate the context in which the early discussions of duality took place. The decade or so preceding the development of QCD saw tremendous effort devoted to describing hadronic interactions in terms of S -matrix theory and self-consistency relations. One of the profound discoveries of that era was the remarkable relationship between low-energy hadronic cross sections and their high-energy behavior, in which the former on average appears to mimic certain features of the latter. In this section we briefly review the original findings on duality in hadronic reactions, and describe how this led to the descriptions of duality in the early electron scattering experiments.

A. Duality in Hadronic Reactions

Historically, duality in strong interaction physics represented the relationship between the description of hadronic scattering amplitudes in terms of s -channel resonances at low energies, and t -channel Regge poles at high energies, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The study of hadronic interactions within Regge theory is an extremely rich subject in its own right, which preoccupied high energy physicists for much of the decade prior to the formulation of QCD. In this section we outline those aspects of Regge theory and resonance-Regge duality which will help to illustrate the concept of duality as later applied to deep inelastic scattering. More comprehensive discussions of Regge phenomenology can be found for example in the classic book of Collins [4], or in the more recent account of Donnachie *et al.* [18]. A review of duality in hadronic reactions can also be found in the report by Fukugita & Igi [19].

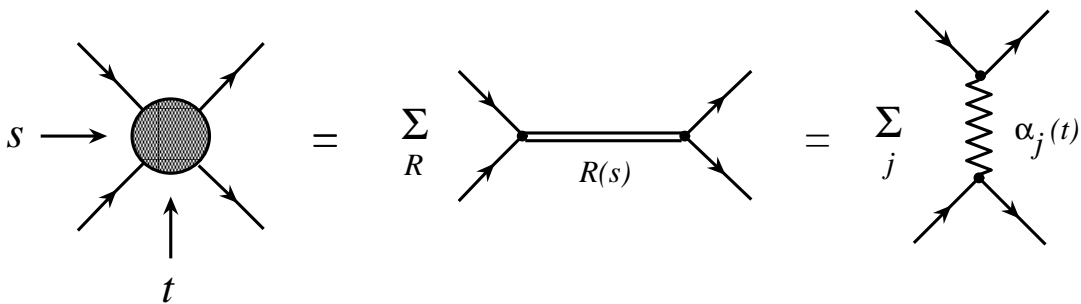


FIG. 3. Dual descriptions of the scattering process, in terms of a sum over s -channel resonances $R(s)$, and in terms of t -channel Reggeon exchanges $\alpha_j(t)$ (see text).

1. Finite Energy Sum Rules

Consider the scattering of two spinless particles, described by the amplitude $\mathcal{A}(s, t)$, where s and t are the standard Mandelstam variables. At low energies, it is convenient to write the scattering amplitude as a partial wave series [4,20],

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) = 16\pi \sum_l (2l+1) \mathcal{A}_l(s) P_l(\cos \theta_s) , \quad (50)$$

where θ_s is the s -channel center of mass scattering angle, and \mathcal{A}_l is the partial wave amplitude of angular momentum l . (The generalization to non-zero intrinsic spin is straightforward, with replacement of l by the total angular momentum J .) The elastic cross section is proportional to $|\mathcal{A}(s, t)|^2$, and by the optical theorem the total cross section is related to the imaginary part of the amplitude, $\sigma \sim \Im m \mathcal{A}(s, t)$.

If the interaction forces are of finite range r , then for a given s only partial waves with $l \lesssim r\sqrt{s}$ will be important in the sum. At low energies the partial wave amplitudes \mathcal{A}_l are then dominated by just a few resonance poles, R ,

$$\mathcal{A}_l(s) \approx \sum_R \frac{g_R}{M_R^2 - s - iM_R\Gamma_R} , \quad (51)$$

where g_R is the coupling strength, M_R is the mass of the resonance and Γ_R its width. As s increases, however, the density of resonances in each partial wave, as well as the number of partial waves which must be included in the sum (50), also increases, making it harder to identify contributions from individual resonances. At high s it becomes more useful therefore to describe the scattering amplitude in terms of a t -channel partial wave series, which can be expressed as an integral over complex l via the Sommerfeld-Watson transformation [4]. This allows the amplitude to be written as a sum of t -channel Regge poles and cuts, which at high energy leads to the well-known linear Regge trajectories,

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) \sim s^{\alpha(t)} , \quad s \rightarrow \infty , \quad (52)$$

where $\alpha(t) = \alpha(0) + \alpha' t$. This implies that at large s , with t fixed, the total cross section behaves as $\sigma \sim s^{\alpha(0)-1}$. The trajectory $\alpha(t)$, which is characterized by the slope α' and intercept $\alpha(0)$, is shown in Fig. 4 in the so-called Chew-Frautschi plot [21] for several well-established meson families. A remarkable feature is the near degeneracy of each of the ρ , ω , f_2 and a_2 trajectories. Similar linearity is observed in the baryon trajectories.

While the s - and t -channel partial wave sums describe the low- and high-energy behaviors of scattering amplitudes, respectively, an important question confronting hadron physicists of the 1960s was how to merge these descriptions, especially at intermediate s , where the amplitudes approach their smooth Regge asymptotic behavior, but some resonance structures still remain. More specifically, how do the s -channel resonances contribute to the asymptotic s behavior, and where do these resonances appear in the Sommerfeld-Watson representation?

Progress towards synthesizing the two descriptions came with the development of Finite Energy Sum Rules (FESRs), which are generalizations of superconvergence relations in Regge theory [22] relating dispersion integrals over the amplitudes at low energies to high-energy parameters. The formulation of FESRs stemmed from the sum rule of Igi [23], which

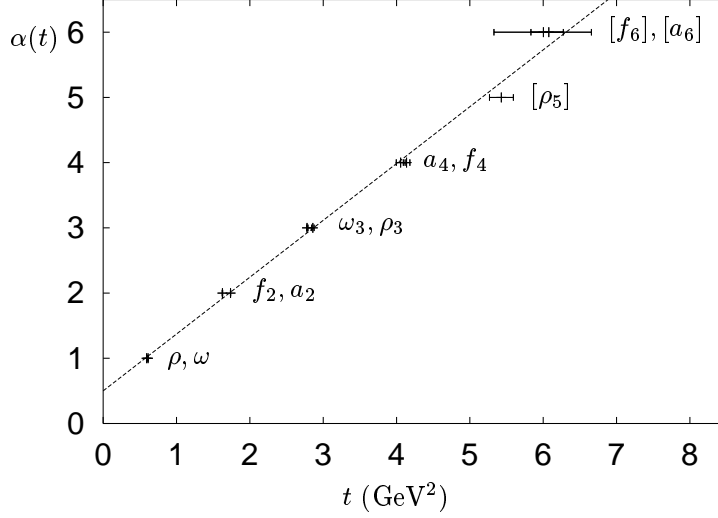


FIG. 4. Chew-Frautschi plot for several degenerate meson families on the Regge trajectory $\alpha(t) = 0.5 + 0.9 t$. (From Ref. [18].)

used dispersion relations to express the crossing symmetric πN forward scattering amplitude in terms of its high-energy behavior. An implicit assumption here is that beyond a sufficiently large energy $\nu > \bar{\nu}$, the scattering amplitude can be represented by its asymptotic form, $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{R}}$, calculated within Regge theory [24]. The resulting sum rules relate functions of the high-energy parameters to dispersion integrals which depend on the amplitude over a finite range of energies.

Formally, the FESRs can be written as relations between (moments of) the imaginary part of the scattering amplitude at finite energies and the asymptotic high energy amplitude [4,18],

$$\int_0^{\bar{\nu}} d\nu \nu^n \Im m \mathcal{A}(\nu, t) = \int_0^{\bar{\nu}} d\nu \nu^n \Im m \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{R}}(\nu, t) \quad [\text{FESR}] \quad (53)$$

where here ν is defined in terms of the Mandelstam variables as $\nu \equiv (s - u)/4$, and the integration includes the Born term. Assuming analyticity and Regge pole dominance for $\nu \geq \bar{\nu}$, the integral over the Regge amplitude in Eq. (53) can be written in terms of the Regge trajectories $\alpha_j(t)$ and functions $\beta_j(t)$ characterizing the residues of the poles in the complex- l plane,

$$\int_0^{\bar{\nu}} d\nu \nu^n \Im m \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{R}}(\nu, t) = \sum_j \frac{\beta_j(t) \bar{\nu}^{\alpha_j(t)+n+1}}{(\alpha_j(t) + n + 1)\Gamma(\alpha_j(t) + 1)}, \quad (54)$$

where Γ is the Euler gamma function. The FESRs (53) therefore encapsulate a duality between the s -channel resonance and t -channel Regge descriptions of the scattering amplitude,

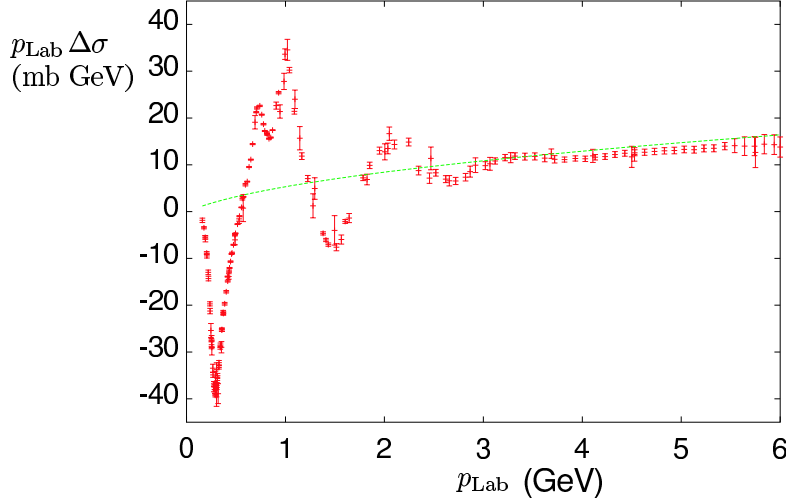


FIG. 5. Isovector πp cross section, $p_{\text{Lab}}\Delta\sigma = p_{\text{Lab}}(\sigma^{\pi^+p} - \sigma^{\pi^-p})$, as a function of laboratory momentum, p_{Lab} , compared with the Regge fit to high energy data (dotted line). (Adapted from Refs. [18,23].)

as illustrated in Fig. 3. For the lowest moment, $n = 0$, Eq. (53) reduces to the dispersion sum rule originally derived by Logunov *et al.* [25] and Igi & Matsuda [26].

For higher moments, the sum rules require a more local duality, $\mathcal{A}(\nu, t) \approx \mathcal{A}_{\text{R}}(\nu, t)$, and are therefore less likely to work at low energies. Such local duality could only be expected at very high s , where the density of resonances is large, and the bumps have been smoothed out. Note that the equality of all the moments would require the amplitude at low ν to be identical to \mathcal{A}_{R} . Given that the former contains poles in s , whereas the latter does not, this places some restrictions on how local the duality between the low and high energy behaviors can be. Nevertheless, the sum rules (53) represent a powerful tool which allows one to use experimental information on the low energy cross sections for the analysis of high energy scattering, and to connect low energy parameters (such as resonance widths and coupling strengths) to parameters describing the behavior of cross sections at high energies.

An important early application of FESRs was made for the case of πN scattering amplitudes. In their seminal analysis, Dolen, Horn & Schmid [27,28] observed that summing over contributions of s -channel resonances yields a result which is approximately equal to the leading (ρ) pole contribution obtained from fits to high energy data, extrapolated down to low energies. This equivalence (or “bootstrap”, as it was referred to in the early literature) is illustrated in Fig. 5 for the total isovector πp scattering cross section. The data at small laboratory momenta show pronounced resonant structure for $p_{\text{Lab}} \lesssim 2\text{--}3$ GeV, which oscillates around the Regge fit to high energy data, with the amplitude of the oscillations decreasing with increasing momenta. Averaging the resonance data over small energy ranges thus exposes a semi-local duality between the s -channel resonances and the Regge fit.

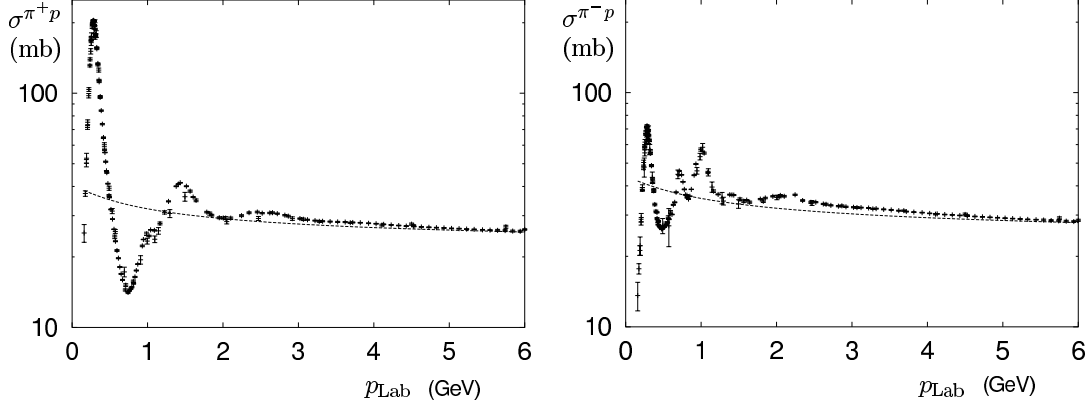


FIG. 6. Total π^+p (left plot) and π^-p (right plot) cross sections as a function of laboratory momentum, p_{Lab} , compared with Regge fits to high energy data. (Adapted from Ref. [18].)

2. Veneziano Model and Two-Component Duality

With the phenomenological confirmation of duality in πN scattering, the quest was on to find theoretical representations of the scattering amplitude which would satisfy the FESR relations (53) and unify the low and high s behaviors. Such a representation was found to be embodied in the Veneziano model [29,30]. Observing that the simplest function with an infinite set of poles in the s -channel on a trajectory $\alpha(s) = \text{integer } (> 0)$ is $\Gamma(1 - \alpha(s))$, Veneziano proposed a solution to (53) of the form $\mathcal{A}(s, t) + \mathcal{A}(s, u) + \mathcal{A}(t, u)$, where

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) = g \frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha(s)) \Gamma(1 - \alpha(t))}{\Gamma(2 - \alpha(s) - \alpha(t))} = g \int_0^1 dz z^{\alpha(s)} (1 - z)^{-\alpha(t)}, \quad (55)$$

with g the constant strength. The amplitude (55) is manifestly analytic and crossing symmetric, having the same pole structure and Regge behavior in both the s and t channels. It explicitly satisfies the FESRs and duality, and reproduces linear Regge trajectories. The latter can be verified by using Stirling's formula,

$$\Gamma(z) \rightarrow \sqrt{2\pi} e^{-z} z^{z-1/2}, \quad z \rightarrow \infty, \quad (56)$$

which yields, for fixed t ,

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) \rightarrow g \frac{\pi(\alpha' s)^{\alpha(t)}}{\Gamma(\alpha(t)) \sin(\pi\alpha(t))} e^{-i\pi\alpha(t)} \sim (\alpha' s)^{\alpha(t)}, \quad (57)$$

where $\alpha(s) \rightarrow \alpha(0) + \alpha' s$ at large s .

Much of the progress in applying the concept of duality in hadronic reactions was due to the success of the Veneziano model, even though the model is now regarded more as a toy model. One of the shortcomings of the Veneziano formula (55) is the presence of an infinite set of zero-width resonances on the positive real s axis, which destroys the Regge behavior on the real axis. Moreover, the solution (55) is not unique: the functions $\alpha(s)$, $\alpha(t)$ can be

replaced by $m - \alpha(s)$, $n - \alpha(t)$ for any integer m, n , while still satisfying the FESRs. This means that there are effectively no constraints on the resonance parameters without making additional assumptions [18]. A number of attempts to alleviate some of these problems have been made in the literature — see for instance Refs. [31–33]. Nevertheless, the Veneziano amplitude does provide an explicit realization of duality, and in fact indirectly led to the development of modern string theory (see Sec. VII).

The duality hypothesis embodied in the FESR (53) is of course incomplete: it does not include Pomeron (IP) exchange. Pomeron exchange (exchange of vacuum quantum numbers) was introduced in Regge theory to describe the behavior of cross sections at large s [4]. Since the known mesons lie on Regge trajectories with intercepts $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}(0) < 1$, from Eq. (52) the resulting cross sections will obviously decrease with s . To obtain approximately constant cross sections at large s requires an intercept $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) \approx 1$. While there are no known mesons on such a trajectory, the exchange of a Pomeron with vacuum quantum numbers (which can be modeled in QCD through the exchange of two or more gluons) is introduced as an effective description of the high-energy behavior of cross sections. The leading Reggeon-exchange contributions (for instance due to ρ exchange) have intercept $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}(0) \approx 0.5$, and are more important at smaller s .

Since it is even under charge conjugation, the IP-exchange contribution to the isovector πp cross section in Fig. 5 cancels, thus exposing the duality between s -channel resonances and the nondiffractive Reggeon t -channel exchanges. On the other hand, a comparison of the individual $\pi^+ p$ and $\pi^- p$ cross sections in Fig. 6 suggests that at low energies the cross sections themselves on average display some degree of duality with the high-energy behavior. In both cases the prominent resonances at $p_{\text{Lab}} \lesssim 1$ GeV oscillate around the high energy fit extrapolated to these energies.

A generalization of the s - and t -channel duality to include contributions from both resonances and the nonresonant background upon which the resonances are superimposed was suggested by Harari [34] and Freund [35]. In this “two-component duality”, resonances are dual to the nondiffractive Regge pole exchanges, while the nonresonant background is dual to Pomeron exchange [20],

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) = \sum_{\text{res}} \mathcal{A}_{\text{res}}(s, t) + \mathcal{A}_{\text{bkgd}}(s, t) \quad (58)$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{R}}(s, t) + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{P}}(s, t) . \quad (59)$$

The data on $\pi^\pm p$ scattering in Figs. 5 and 6 demonstrate as much: since both the non-diffractive and total cross sections satisfy duality, then so must the diffractive, IP-exchange component.

The practical utilization of duality and the FESRs was demonstrated recently by Igi and Ishida [36] in a combined fit to both low- and high-energy total πp cross sections. While it has been known for some time that the increase of total cross sections at high energy cannot exceed the Froissart unitarity bound, $\sigma \sim \log^2 s$ [37], experimentally it has not been possible to distinguish a $\log s$ behavior from a $\log^2 s$ using high energy data alone [38]. Constraining the fit by the averaged cross section data in the resonance region at low s , on the other hand, as implied by the FESR (53), clearly favors the $\log^2 s$ asymptotic behavior, as seen in Fig. 7 (solid curves). The $\log s$ fit (dashed curves) overestimates the data at $\sqrt{s} \sim 50$ –100 GeV,

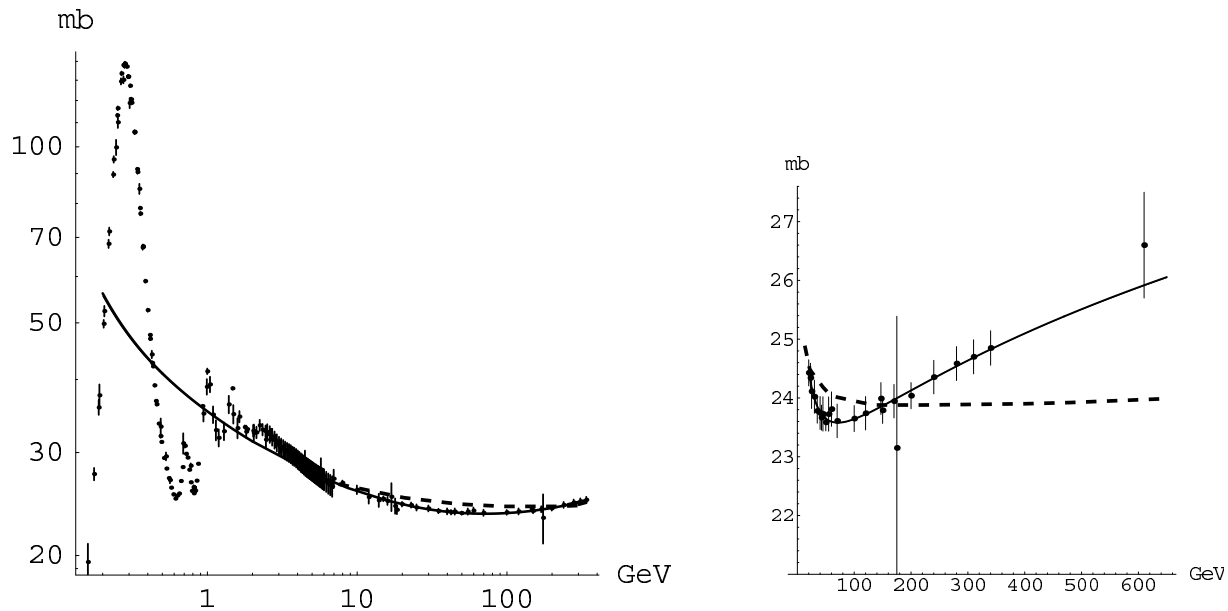


FIG. 7. Total $\pi^+p + \pi^-p$ cross section (in mb) as a function of the center of mass energy \sqrt{s} (in GeV). The left panel (\sqrt{s} on a logarithmic scale) emphasizes the resonance region, while the right panel (linear scale) emphasizes the high energy region. The solid (dashed) lines represent fits with a $\log^2 s$ ($\log s$) asymptotic behavior. (Adapted from Ref. [36].)

and cannot reproduce the observed rise in the cross section at $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 300$ GeV, especially the new data point at ~ 600 GeV from the SELEX Collaboration at Fermilab [39].

Similar constraints have also been used by Block and Halzen [40] to fit the total photo-production cross sections at high energy. By matching the high- s fit smoothly to the average of the resonance data at $\sqrt{s} \sim 4$ GeV, the results strongly favor a $\log^2 s$ behavior at large s . Furthermore, the evidence for the saturation of the Froissart bound in the γp cross section is confirmed by applying the same analysis to πp data using vector meson dominance [40].

For the case of electroproduction, the two-component duality model has immediate application in deep inelastic scattering, which we discuss in more detail in the next section. In inclusive electroproduction from the nucleon the behavior of the cross sections at large $s \equiv W^2 = M^2 + Q^2(\omega - 1)$, where $\omega = 2M\nu/Q^2$, corresponds to the $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ behavior of structure functions. Two-component duality therefore suggests a correspondence between resonances and valence quarks, whose behavior at large $\omega \sim s$ at fixed Q^2 is given by poles on the ρ meson Regge trajectory,

$$F_2^{\text{val}}(\omega) \sim \omega^{\alpha_{\text{R}}-1} , \quad (60)$$

with the background dual to sea quarks or gluons, for which the large- ω behavior is determined by Pomeron exchange,

$$F_2^{\text{sea}}(\omega) \sim \omega^{\alpha_{\text{P}}-1} . \quad (61)$$

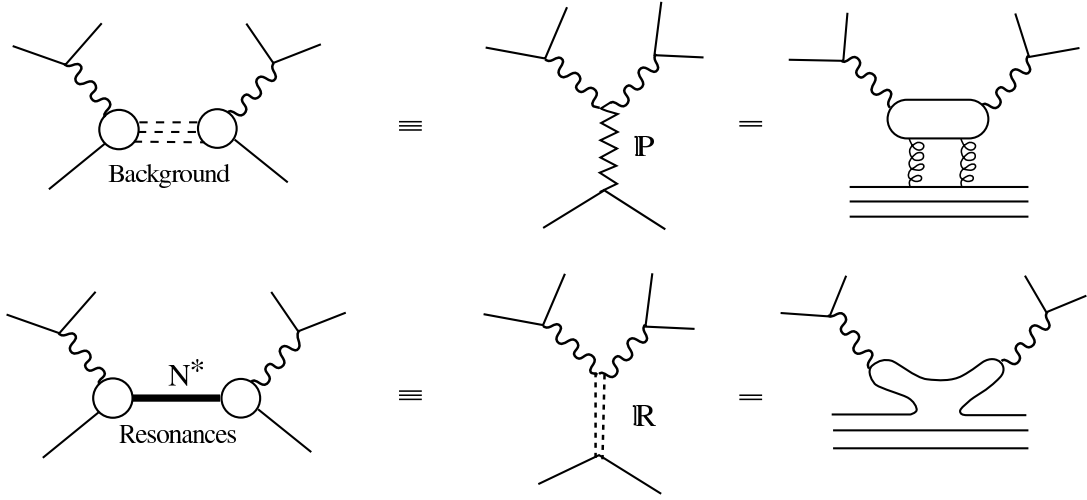


FIG. 8. Illustration of two-component duality in $eN \rightarrow eX$: (top) duality between the nonresonant background and Pomeron (\mathbb{P}) exchange, thought to be associated with gluon exchange in QCD; (bottom) duality between resonances and Reggeon (\mathbb{R}) exchange, corresponding to quark exchange diagrams. (Adapted from Ref. [4].)

This is illustrated schematically in Fig. 8.

This duality imposes rather strong constraints on the production of resonances and on the Q^2 dependence of the $\gamma^* N \rightarrow N^*$ transition form factors, as will be discussed below. In fact, a dual model of deep inelastic scattering based on Regge calculus was developed by Landshoff and Polkinghorne [41] to describe the early deep inelastic scattering data, in which duality was introduced by identifying the contribution of exotic states to scattering amplitudes with diffractive processes. More recently, dual models based on generalizations of the Veneziano amplitude [42] to include Mandelstam analyticity [32] and nonlinear trajectories [43] have been constructed [44,45] to relate structure functions at small and large ω .

B. Duality In Inclusive Electron Scattering

The unique feature of inclusive electroproduction is that one can measure points at the same $\omega = 1 + (W^2 - M^2)/Q^2 \equiv 1/x$ at different values of Q^2 and W^2 , both within and outside the resonance region. Unlike in hadronic reactions, the fact that one can vary the mass of the probe, Q^2 , means that duality here can be studied by directly measuring the scaling function describing the high energy cross section which averages the resonances.

1. Bloom-Gilman Duality

By examining the early inclusive electron-proton scattering data from SLAC, Bloom and Gilman observed [2,3] a remarkable connection between the structure function $\nu W_2(\nu, Q^2)$ in the nucleon resonance region and that in the deep inelastic continuum. The resonance structure function was found to be equivalent on average to the deep inelastic one, with the averages obtained over the same range in the scaling variable

$$\omega' = \frac{2M\nu + M^2}{Q^2} = 1 + \frac{W^2}{Q^2} = \omega + \frac{M^2}{Q^2} . \quad (62)$$

More generally, one can define $\omega' = \omega + m^2/Q^2$, for some arbitrary mass $m \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, although in practice the choice $m = M$ was usually made in the early analyses. The range of W over which the structure function exhibits scaling was found [46] to increase (from down to $W^2 \approx 7 \text{ GeV}^2$ to down to $W^2 \approx 3 \text{ GeV}^2$) if νW_2 were plotted as a function of ω' instead of ω . While the physical interpretation of this modified scaling variable was not clear at the time, it did naturally allow for the direct comparison of data at higher W^2 to data at lower W^2 , over a range of Q^2 . Using the variable ω' , Bloom and Gilman were able to make the first quantitative observations of quark-hadron duality in electron scattering.

The original data on the proton $\nu W_2(\nu, Q^2)$ structure function in the resonance region are illustrated in Fig. 9 for several values of Q^2 from 0.75 GeV^2 to 3 GeV^2 . This is a characteristic inclusive electron-proton spectrum in the resonance region, where the almost twenty well-established nucleon resonances with masses below 2 GeV give rise to three distinct enhancements in the measured inclusive cross section. Of these, only the first is due to a single resonance, the $P_{33}(1232) \Delta$ isobar, while the others are a composite of overlapping states. The second resonance region, which comprises primarily the $S_{11}(1535)$ and $D_{13}(1520)$ resonances, is generally referred to as the “ S_{11} ” region due to the dominance of this resonance at higher Q^2 . Since the data shown here are from inclusive measurements, they may contain tails of higher mass resonances as well as some nonresonant components. The $\nu W_2(\nu, Q^2)$ structure function data were extracted from the measured cross sections using a fixed value of the longitudinal to transverse cross section ratio, $R = \sigma_L/\sigma_T = 0.18$.

The scaling curve shown in Fig. 9 is a parameterization of the high- W (high- Q^2) data available in the early 1970s [46], when deep inelastic scattering was new and data comparatively scarce. Presented in this fashion, the resonance data are clearly seen to oscillate about, and average to, the scaling curve. A more modern comparison would include in addition the Q^2 evolution of the structure function from perturbative QCD (as will be discussed in

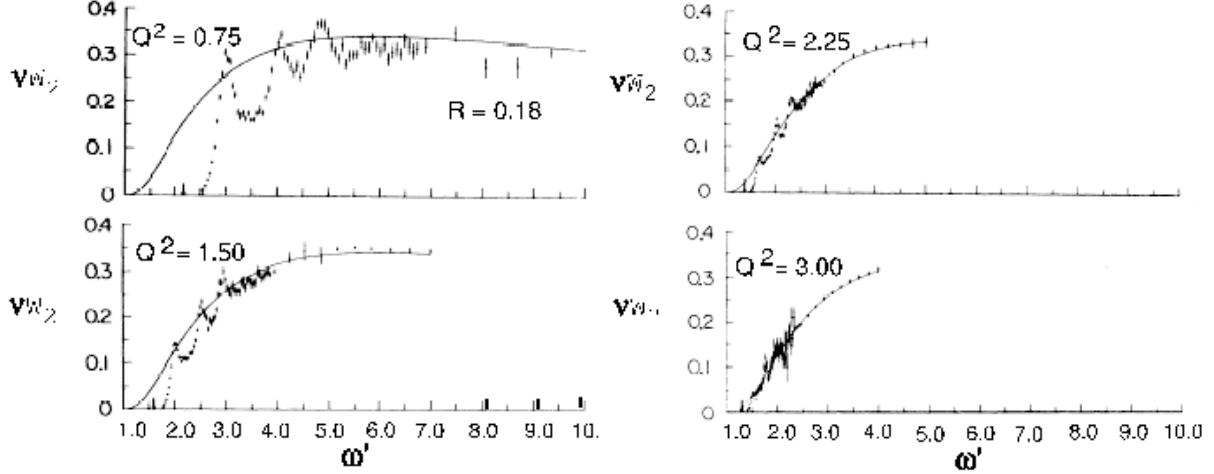


FIG. 9. Early proton νW_2 structure function data in the resonance region, as a function of ω' , compared to a smooth fit to the data in the scaling region at larger Q^2 . The resonance data were obtained at the indicated kinematics, with Q^2 in GeV^2 , for the longitudinal to transverse ratio $R = 0.18$. (Adapted from Ref. [3].)

Sec. IV). Nevertheless, the astute observations made by Bloom and Gilman are still valid, and may be summarized as follows:

- I The resonance region data oscillate around the scaling curve.
- II The resonance data are on average equivalent to the scaling curve.
- III The resonance region data “slide” along the deep inelastic curve with increasing Q^2 .

These observations led Bloom and Gilman to make the far-reaching conclusion that “*the resonances are not a separate entity but are an intrinsic part of the scaling behavior of νW_2* ” [2].

In order to quantify these observations, Bloom & Gilman drew on the work on duality in hadronic reactions to determine a FESR equating the integral over ν of νW_2 in the resonance region, to the integral over ω' of the scaling function [2],

$$\frac{2M}{Q^2} \int_0^{\nu_m} d\nu \nu W_2(\nu, Q^2) = \int_1^{1+W_m^2/Q^2} d\omega' \nu W_2(\omega') . \quad (63)$$

Here the upper limit on the ν integration, $\nu_m = (W_m^2 - M^2 + Q^2)/2M$, corresponds to the maximum value of $\omega' = 1 + W_m^2/Q^2$, where $W_m \sim 2 \text{ GeV}$, so that the integral of the scaling function covers the same range in ω' as the resonance region data. The FESR (63) allows the area under the resonances in Fig. 9 to be compared to the area under the smooth curve in the same ω' region to determine the degree to which the resonance and scaling data are equivalent. A comparison of both sides in Eq. (63) for $W_m = 2 \text{ GeV}$ showed that the relative differences ranged from $\sim 10\%$ at $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, to $\lesssim 2\%$ beyond $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ [3], thus demonstrating the near equivalence on average of the resonance and deep inelastic regimes

(point II above). Using this approach, Bloom and Gilman’s quark-hadron duality was able to qualitatively describe the data in the range $1 \lesssim Q^2 \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$.

Moreover, observation III implies a deep connection between the Q^2 dependence of the structure functions in the resonance and deep inelastic scattering regimes. The prominent resonances in inclusive inelastic electron–proton scattering do not disappear with increasing Q^2 relative to the “background” underneath them (which scales), but instead fall at roughly the same rate with increasing Q^2 . The prominent nucleon resonances are therefore strongly correlated with the scaling behavior of νW_2 .

2. Duality in the Context of QCD

Following the initial SLAC experiments, inclusive deep inelastic scattering quickly became the standard tool for investigating the quark substructure of nucleons and nuclei. The development of QCD shortly after the discovery of Bloom-Gilman duality enabled a rigorous description of structure function scaling and scaling violations at high Q^2 and W . In the Bjorken limit ($Q^2, \nu \rightarrow \infty$, $x = Q^2/2M\nu$ fixed), the asymptotic freedom property of QCD reduces the structure function νW_2 to a function of a single variable, $\nu W_2(\nu, Q^2) \rightarrow F_2(x)$, which is related to the parton distribution functions in the quark-parton model (see Sec. II).

At large but finite Q^2 , perturbative QCD (pQCD) predicts logarithmic Q^2 scaling violations in F_2 , arising from gluon radiation and subsequent $q\bar{q}$ pair creation. The observation of scaling violations in F_2 in fact played a crucial role in establishing QCD as the accepted theory of the strong interactions. At low Q^2 , however, perturbative QCD breaks down, and the description of structure functions in terms of single parton densities is no longer applicable. Corrections which at high Q^2 are suppressed as powers in $1/Q^2$ (such as those arising from multi-parton correlations – see Sec. V A) can no longer be neglected.

A reanalysis of the resonance region and quark-hadron duality within QCD was performed by De Rújula, Georgi and Politzer [5,6,47], who reinterpreted Bloom-Gilman duality in terms of moments $M_2^{(n)}(Q^2)$ of the F_2 structure function, defined in Eq. (43) (or $M_2^{N(n)}$ in Eq. (44)). For $n = 2$ one recovers the analog of Eq. (63) by replacing the νW_2 structure function on the right hand side by the asymptotic structure function, $F_2^{\text{asy}}(x)$, so that the FESR can be written in terms of the moments as

$$M_2^{(2)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx F_2^{\text{asy}}(x) . \quad (64)$$

Since the moments are integrals over all x , at fixed Q^2 , they contain contributions from both the deep inelastic continuum and resonance regions. At large Q^2 the moments are saturated by the former; at low Q^2 , however, they are dominated by the resonance contributions. One may expect therefore a strong Q^2 dependence in the low- Q^2 moments arising from the $1/Q^2$ power behavior associated with the exclusive resonance channels. A comparison of the high- Q^2 moments with those at low Q^2 then allows one to test the duality between the resonance and scaling regimes.

Empirically, one observed only a slight difference, consistent with logarithmic scaling behavior in Q^2 , between moments obtained at $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$, and those at lower Q^2 , $Q^2 \sim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$, that were dominated by resonances. This suggested that changes in the

moments of the F_2 structure function due to power corrections were small, and that averages of F_2 over a sufficiently large range in x were approximately the same at high and low Q^2 . Duality would be expected to hold so long as the $1/Q^2$ scaling violations were small [6].

Note that at the energies where duality was observed the ratio M^2/Q^2 is not negligible. Application of perturbative QCD requires not only that Q^2 be large enough to make expansions in $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ meaningful, but also that Q^2 be large compared to all relevant masses. Some of the M^2/Q^2 effects are purely kinematical in origin, not associated with the dynamical multi-parton effects that give rise to the $1/Q^2$ power behavior. The reason why the variable ω' is a better scaling variable than ω is that it partially compensates for the effects of the target mass M^2/Q^2 , allowing approximate scaling to be manifest down to lower Q^2 values (sometimes referred to as “precocious” scaling).

In QCD the target mass corrections may be included via the Nachtmann [12] scaling variable (or generalizations including non-zero quark masses [15]), which are discussed along with others in the Appendix. Georgi and Politzer [47] suggested that the use of the Nachtmann scaling variable ξ (as in Eq. (45)), rather than ω' or x , would systematically absorb all target mass corrections, and permit duality to remain valid to lower Q^2 . This was indeed borne out by the proton νW_2 structure function data, as displayed in Fig. 10 as a function of ξ at $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. The Nachtmann variable is in fact the minimal variable which includes target mass effects, and has been used widely in studies of structure functions at intermediate Q^2 [17,48]. Further discussions on the use of the Nachtmann variable in moment analyses can be found in Refs. [16,49–53].

The equivalence of the moments of structure functions at high Q^2 with those in the resonance-dominated region at low Q^2 is usually referred to as “global duality”. If the equivalence of the averaged resonance and scaling structure functions holds over restricted regions in W , or even for individual resonances, a “local duality” is said to exist. Once the inclusive–exclusive connection via local duality is taken seriously, one can in principle use the measured inclusive structure functions at large Q^2 and ξ , together with Q^2 evolution, to directly extract resonance transition form factors at lower values of Q^2 over the same range in ξ . As an extreme example, it is even possible to extract elastic form factors from the inclusive inelastic data below the pion production threshold [5] to within $\sim 20\%$ [6].

Bloom and Gilman’s observation that the νW_2 structure function in the resonance region tracks, with changing Q^2 , a curve whose shape is the same as the scaling limit curve is expressly a manifestation of local duality, in that it occurs resonance by resonance. The scaling F_2 function becomes smaller at the larger values of the scaling variable, associated with higher values of Q^2 . Therefore, the resonance transition form factors must decrease correspondingly with Q^2 .

Carlson and Mukhopadhyay [54] quantified the pQCD expectations for the exclusive resonance transition form factors, finding the leading behavior to be $1/Q^4$. They note that pQCD further constrains the $x \rightarrow 1$ behavior of the inclusive nucleon structure function, $\nu W_2^p \sim (1-x)^3$ [55], as predicted also by dimensional scaling laws [56,57]. This is yet another manifestation of the inclusive–exclusive relation arising from local Bloom-Gilman duality. We shall discuss this and other phenomenological applications of local Bloom-Gilman duality in Sec. V C.

Following this historic prelude, where we set in context the original observations of duality in electron–nucleon scattering, we are now ready to explore in detail the modern

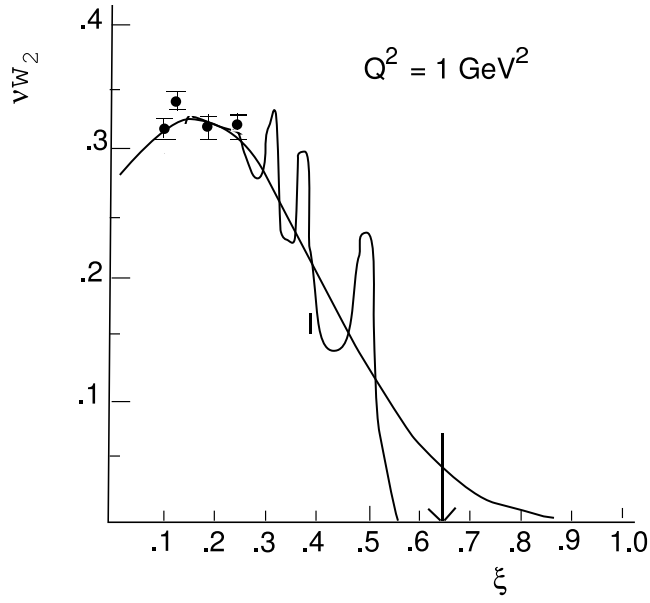


FIG. 10. Proton νW_2 structure function data at $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ in the resonance (curve with oscillations) and deep inelastic (data points) regions as a function of the Nachtmann variable ξ . The data are compared to a smooth curve at the same ξ values, representing the scaling function from higher Q^2 and x . The vertical arrow indicates the elastic point, $x = 1$. (Adapted from Ref. [5].)

phenomenology of Bloom-Gilman duality. In the next section we discuss the current experimental status of duality in electron–nucleon scattering, and present an in-depth account of available data for both spin-averaged and spin-dependent processes.

IV. BLOOM-GILMAN DUALITY: EXPERIMENTAL STATUS

Bloom and Gilman’s initial discovery of the resonance–scaling relations in inclusive electron–nucleon scattering was indeed quite remarkable, particularly given the relatively poor statistics and limited coverage of the early data. As higher energy accelerated beams became increasingly available in the 1970s and 1980s, focus naturally shifted to higher Q^2 with experimental efforts geared towards investigating the predictions of perturbative QCD. This was of course a necessary step in order to establish whether QCD itself was capable of describing hadronic substructure in regions where the applicability of perturbative treatments was not in doubt. More recently, however, there has been a growing realization that understanding of the resonance region in inelastic scattering, and the interplay between resonances and scaling in particular, represents a critical gap which must be filled if one is to fully fathom the nature of the quark–hadron transition in QCD.

The availability of high luminosity (polarized) beams, together with polarized targets, has allowed one to revisit Bloom-Gilman duality at a much more quantitative level than previously possible, and an impressive amount of data, of unprecedented quantity and quality, has now been compiled in the resonance region and beyond. In this section we review the recent data on various spin-averaged and spin-dependent structure functions, together with their moments, which have been instrumental in deepening our understanding of the resonance–scaling transition.

A. Duality in the F_2 Structure Function

Much of the new data have been collected in inclusive electron scattering on the proton. At high Q^2 , the differential cross section given in Eq. (13) is usually expressed in terms of the F_2 structure function, because of the elegant interpretation which F_2 has in the parton model (in terms of quark momentum distributions), and the crucial role it played in understanding scaling violations in QCD. Since the original observations of Bloom-Gilman duality in inclusive structure functions, $F_2(x, Q^2)$ has become one of the best measured quantities in lepton scattering, with measurements from laboratories around the world contributing to a global data set spanning over five orders of magnitude in x and Q^2 .

Here we first present F_2 data of particular interest to duality studies, both on the proton and on nuclear targets, and then turn to the extraction of the purely longitudinal and transverse structure functions, F_L and F_1 , respectively, in Sec. IV B. While it is clear that longitudinal–transverse separated data are necessary to accurately extract F_2 from measured cross sections, we have chosen here to present F_2 results because of the historical significance of this structure function both in Bloom & Gilman’s original work, and also as the most widely measured quantity in deep inelastic scattering over the past three decades.

1. Local Duality for the Proton

A sample of proton F_2^p structure function data from Jefferson Lab [7,58] in the resonance region is depicted in Fig. 11, where it is compared with fits to a large data set of higher- W and Q^2 data from the New Muon Collaboration [59]. Figure 11 is in direct analogy to

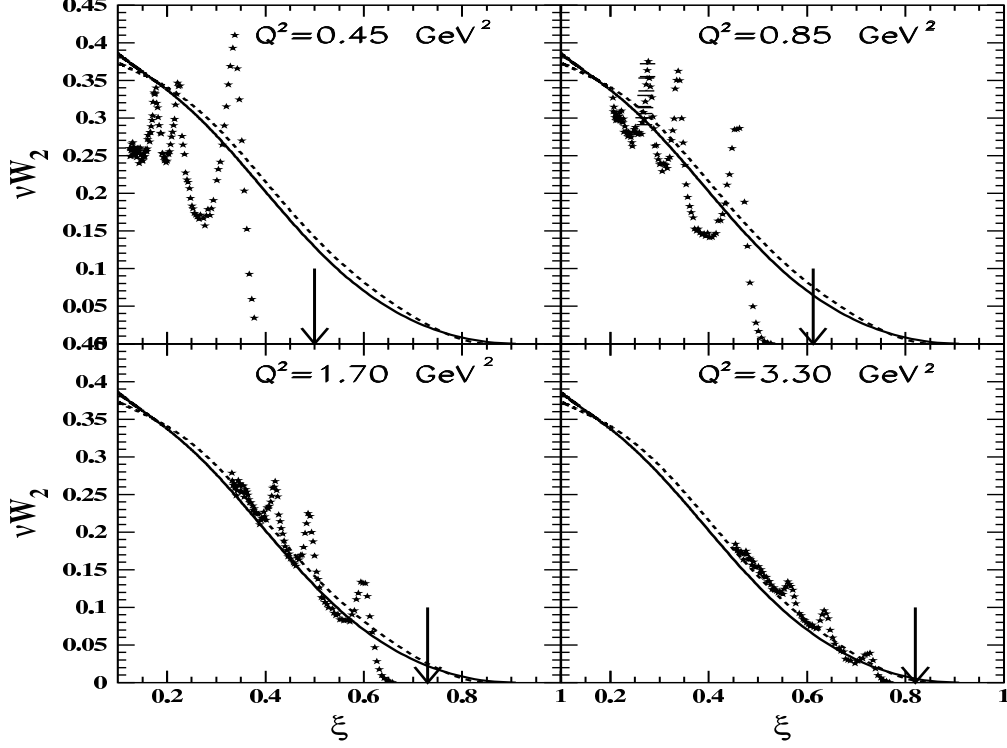


FIG. 11. Proton $\nu W_2^p = F_2^p$ structure function data in the resonance region as a function of ξ , at $Q^2 = 0.45, 0.85, 1.70$, and 3.30 GeV^2 from Hall C at Jefferson Lab [7,58]. The arrows indicate the elastic point, $\xi = \xi(x = 1)$. The curves represent fits to deep inelastic structure function data at the same ξ but higher (W^2, Q^2) from NMC [59] at $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ (dashed) and $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ (solid).

Fig. 10 above, where the Nachtmann variable ξ has replaced the more *ad hoc* variable ω' as a means to relate high- (W^2, Q^2) deep inelastic data to data at the lower (W^2, Q^2) values of the resonance region, as well as to include proton target mass corrections. Both the ξ and ω' variables depend on ratios of x to Q^2 (or, correspondingly, W to Q^2), thereby allowing direct comparison of structure functions in the resonance and scaling regimes by plotting the scaling and resonance data at the same ordinate point. For example, $\xi = 0.6$ can correspond to a point in the Δ resonance region around $Q^2 = 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, or a point in the deep inelastic region of $W^2 = 14 \text{ GeV}^2$ at $Q^2 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$.

The kinematics for the resonance data in Fig. 11 range from the single pion production threshold to $W^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$. The elastic peak position at $\xi = \xi(x = 1)$ is indicated by the vertical arrows, and the lower ξ values correspond to the higher- W^2 kinematics. Of the three prominent enhancements, the lowest mass Δ resonance falls at the highest ξ values. The statistical uncertainties are included in the error bars on the data points, and the total systematic uncertainty was estimated to be less than 4% [7]. The latter includes some uncertainty associated with the choice of R used to extract F_2 from the measured cross sections (see Eq. (20)).

The resonance data are compared to a global fit curve to deep inelastic scattering (DIS) data from Ref. [59], here shown for two fixed values of $Q^2 = 5$ and 10 GeV^2 . The curves

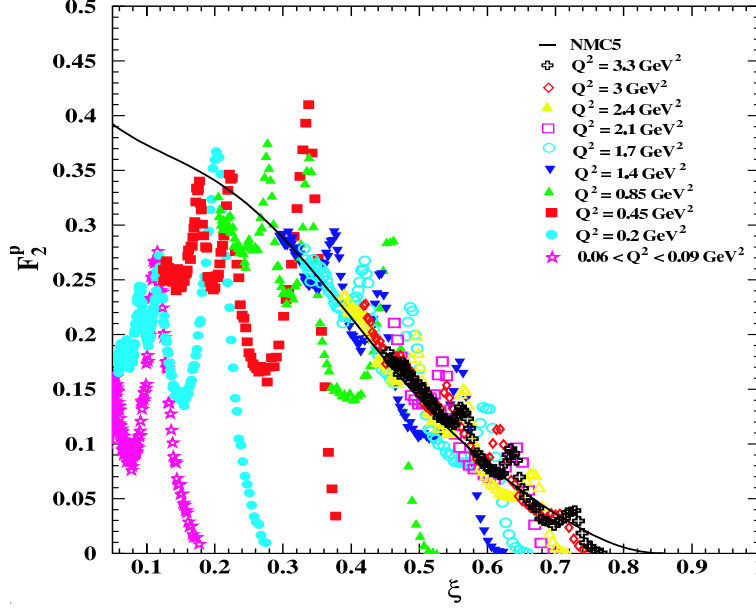


FIG. 12. Proton $\nu W_2^p = F_2^p$ structure function data from SLAC and Jefferson Lab in the resonance region in the range $0.06 < Q^2 < 3.30 \text{ GeV}^2$, as indicated. The solid curve is a fit to deep inelastic data at the same ξ but higher (W^2, Q^2) from Ref. [59], shown here at $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$.

are plotted at these fixed Q^2 (somewhat higher than the resonance region data) and the ξ values corresponding to those of the resonance region data. This (ξ, Q^2) choice kinematically determines the x and W^2 values in the DIS regime, and therefore establishes the (x, Q^2) values at which to utilize the DIS parameterization. It is important to note that this causes an effective target mass correction to the scaling curve, which can increase the structure function strength by tens of percent.

Several important features are worth noting in Fig. 11. Firstly, the data clearly display the signature oscillations around the DIS curve, qualitatively averaging to it. Quantitatively, scaling curves were found to describe the average of the resonance region F_2^p spectra in Refs. [7,58] to better than 10%. Next, the resonance data closely follow the scaling curves to higher ξ as Q^2 increases, such that the ξ shape of the DIS curve determines the Q^2 dependence of the resonance region structure function. Put figuratively, the resonances slide down the scaling curve with increasing Q^2 . In all, the current precision resonance and DIS data conclusively verify the original observations of Bloom & Gilman.

The Q^2 dependence of the scaling structure function is not drastic, as the $Q^2 = 5$ and 10 GeV^2 values of the structure function are quite similar. However, the Q^2 dependence of F_2^p in the resonance region is significant, as can be seen in the difference between the $Q^2 = 0.45$ and 3.3 GeV^2 spectra. Knowledge of the Q^2 dependence of the scaling structure function is an important improvement over the original data sets available to Bloom & Gilman [2,3].

The same data set, combined with some lower Q^2 data from SLAC, is depicted in Fig. 12 in a single plot. Here, the salient features of duality are even more striking: above $\xi \sim 0.2$ the data all average to the scaling curve. Moreover, the position of the resonance peaks relative to the scaling curve is determined by Q^2 , with the higher Q^2 values at higher ξ . Therefore,

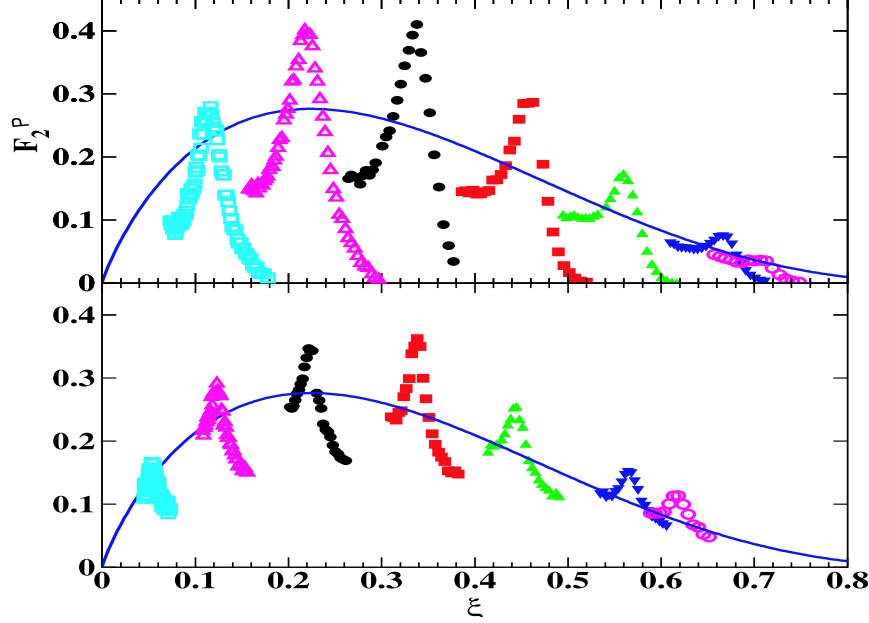


FIG. 13. Proton F_2 structure function in the Δ (top) and S_{11} (bottom) resonance regions from Jefferson Lab Hall C, compared with the scaling curve from Ref. [7]. The resonances move to higher ξ with increasing Q^2 , which ranges from $\sim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ (smallest ξ values) to $\sim 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ (largest ξ values).

both the size *and* momentum dependence of the resonance region structure function are apparently determined by the scaling limit curve. The lower- Q^2 data (below $\xi \sim 0.2$) will be discussed in more detail in Sec. V A 3, below. We note, however, that it may not be surprising that the scaling curve at higher Q^2 deviates from the resonance region data in this lower ξ (or x) range, since here sea quark effects are large and vary rapidly with Q^2 .

Analyses such as this demonstrate a global duality for the entire resonance regime. However, one can observe in Figs. 11 and 12 that the average strength of the individual resonance structures is also consistent with that of the scaling curve. This “local” duality is more evident in Fig. 13, where the F_2^p structure function for the first ($P_{33}(1232)$ or Δ) and second ($S_{11}(1535)$) resonance regions from Fig. 11 are plotted versus ξ for Q^2 values from 0.5 GeV^2 to 4.5 GeV^2 . The sliding of the individual Δ and S_{11} resonance regions along the scaling curve is dramatically illustrated here, where the resonances are clearly seen to move up in ξ with increasing Q^2 . One observes therefore that the Q^2 behavior of the resonances is determined by the position on the ξ scaling curve on which they fall. The resonance contributions to F_2^p track, with changing Q^2 , a curve whose shape is the same as the scaling limit curve. Note, however, that it is always necessary to average the resonance data over some region for local duality to hold. For example, the data point at the maximum of the resonance peak will stay above, and never equal, the scaling strength. In other words, local duality has a limit — a point which we shall return to again.

The classic presentation of duality in electron–proton scattering, as depicted in Figs. 11 and 12, is somewhat ambiguous in that resonance data at low Q^2 values are being compared to scaling curves at higher Q^2 values. It is difficult to evaluate precisely the equivalence of the two if Q^2 evolution [60] is not taken into account. Furthermore, the resonance data and

scaling curves, although at the same ξ or ω' , are at different x and sensitive therefore to different parton distributions. A more stringent test of the scaling behavior of the resonances would compare the resonance data with fundamental scaling predictions for the *same* low- Q^2 , high- x values as the data.

Such predictions are now commonly available from several groups around the world, for instance, the Coordinated Theoretical-Experimental Project on QCD (CTEQ) [61]; Martin, Roberts, Stirling, and Thorne (MRST) [62]; Gluck, Reya, and Vogt (GRV) [63]; and Blümlein and Böttcher [64], to name a few. These groups provide results from global QCD fits to a full range of hard scattering processes — including lepton-nucleon deep inelastic scattering, prompt photon production, Drell-Yan measurements, jet production, *etc.* — to extract quark and gluon distribution functions (PDFs) for the proton. The idea of such global fitting efforts is to adjust the fundamental PDFs to bring theory and experiment into agreement for a wide range of processes. These PDF-based analyses include pQCD radiative corrections which give rise to logarithmic Q^2 dependence of the structure function. In this report, we use parameterizations from all of these groups, choosing in each case the most straightforward implementation for our needs. It is not expected that this choice affects any of the results presented here.

Comparison of resonance region data with PDF-based global fits allows the resonance-scaling comparison to be made at the same values of (x, Q^2) , making the experimental signature of duality less ambiguous. Such a comparison is presented in Fig. 14 for F_2^p data from Jefferson Lab experiment E94-110 [65,66], with the data bin-centered to the values $Q^2 = 1.5, 2.5$ and 3.5 GeV^2 indicated. These F_2^p data are from an experiment capable of performing longitudinal/transverse cross section separations, and so are even more precise than those shown in Figs. 11–13.

The smooth curves in Fig. 14 are the perturbative QCD fits from the MRST [67] and CTEQ [68] collaborations, evaluated at the same Q^2 values as the data. These are shown with target mass (TM) corrections included, which are calculated according to the prescription of Barbieri *et al* [16]. The SLAC curve is a fit to deep inelastic scattering data [69], which implicitly includes target mass effects inherent in the actual data. The target mass corrected pQCD curves appear to describe, on average, the resonance strength at each Q^2 value. Moreover, this is true for all of the Q^2 values shown, indicating that the resonance averages must be following the same perturbative Q^2 evolution [60] which governs the pQCD parameterizations (MRST and CTEQ). This demonstrates even more emphatically the striking duality between the nominally highly-nonperturbative resonance region and the perturbative scaling behavior.

An alternate approach to quantifying the observation that the resonances average to the scaling curve has been used recently by Alekhin [70]. Here the differences between the resonance structure function values and those of the scaling curve, ΔF_2^p , are used to demonstrate duality, as shown in Fig. 15, where the differences are seen to oscillate around zero. Integrating ΔF_2^p over the resonance region, the resonance and scaling regimes are found to be within 3% in all cases above $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ [71]. One should note that in Ref. [70] a different set of PDFs was employed, extracted only from DIS scattering data.

Equivalently, quark-hadron duality can also be quantified by computing integrals of the structure function over x in the resonance region at fixed Q^2 values,

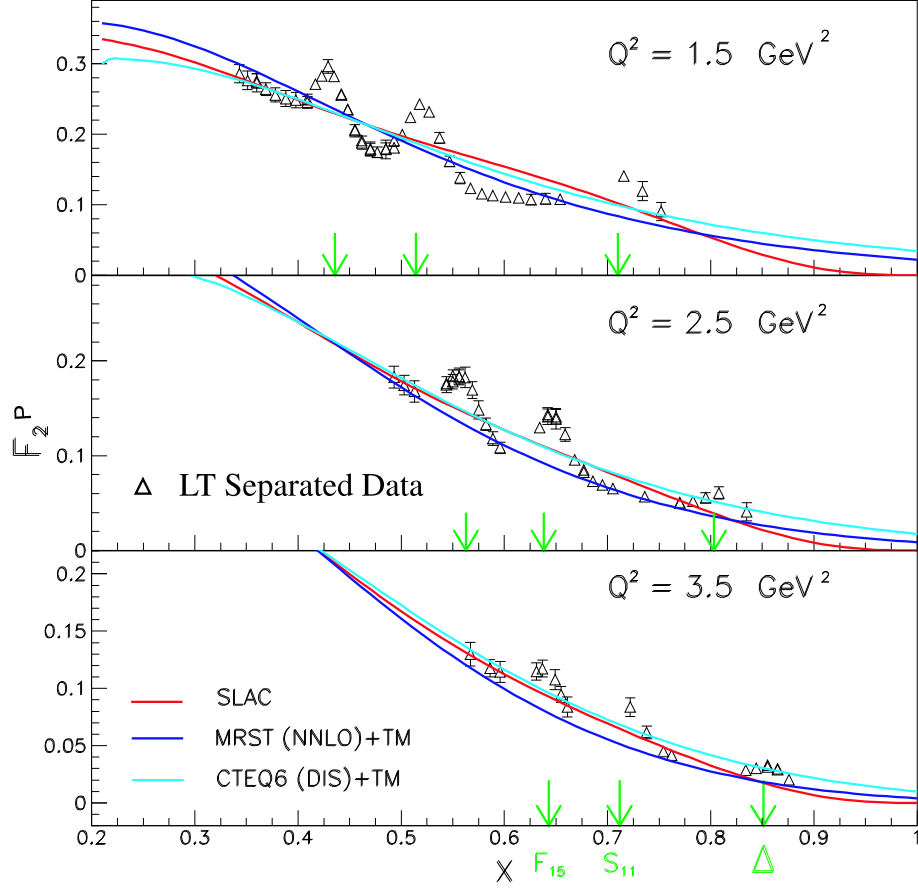


FIG. 14. Proton F_2^p structure function in the resonance region for several values of Q^2 , as indicated. Data from Jefferson Lab Hall C [65,66] are compared with some recent parameterizations of the deep inelastic data at the same Q^2 values (see text).

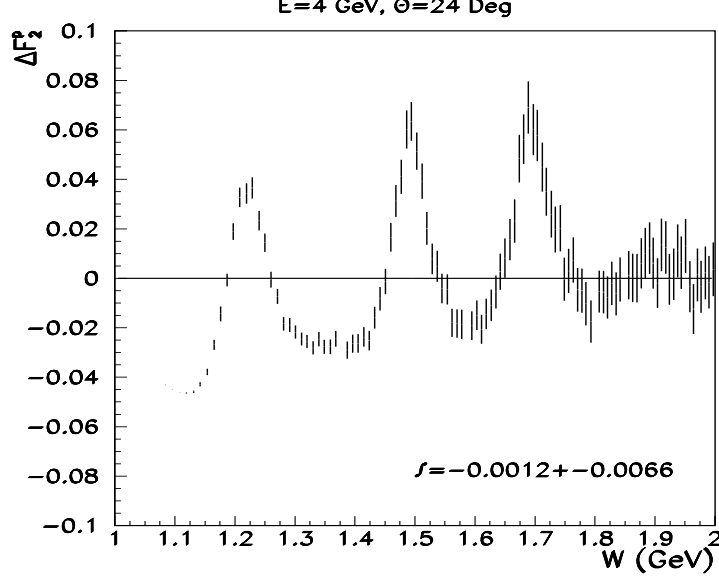


FIG. 15. The difference ΔF_2^p between proton F_2^p structure function data (at the indicated kinematics) from Jefferson Lab Hall C and the scaling curve of Ref. [70] as a function of missing mass W . The integrated difference yields a value of -0.0012 ± 0.0066 for this particular W -spectrum.

$$\int_{x_{\text{th}}}^{x_{\text{res}}} dx F_2^p(x, Q^2), \quad (65)$$

where x_{th} corresponds to the pion production threshold at the fixed Q^2 , and $x_{\text{res}} = Q^2/(W_{\text{res}}^2 - M^2 + Q^2)$ indicates the x value at that same Q^2 where the traditional delineation between the resonance and deep inelastic scattering regions at $W = W_{\text{res}} \equiv 2$ GeV falls. These integrals may then be compared to the analogous integrals of the “scaling” structure function at the same Q^2 and over the same range of x .

The ratios of the integrals (65) of the resonance data to the scaling structure functions, extrapolated to the same x , are shown in Fig. 16 for the proton F_2^p structure function, as well as for the F_1^p , F_L^p , and R^p structure functions discussed in Sec. IV B below. The perturbative strength is calculated in one case from the MRST parameterization [67], with the target mass corrections applied following Ref. [16], and in the other from a parameterization of SLAC deep inelastic data [69]. In most cases, the integrated perturbative strength is equivalent to the resonance region strength to better than 5% above $Q^2 = 1$ GeV². This shows unambiguously that duality is holding quite well on average in all of the unpolarized structure functions; the total resonance strength over a range in x is equivalent to the perturbative, PDF-based prediction.

Of some concern is the seeming deviation from this observation in the MRST ratio at the highest values of Q^2 in Fig. 16, where the ratio rises above unity. This rise is not a violation of duality, but rather is most likely due to an underestimation of large- x strength in the pQCD parameterizations. Higher Q^2 corresponds to large x here and, for comparison with resonance region data at the larger Q^2 values, accurate predictions at large x are crucial. There exists uncertainty in the PDFs at large x , largely due to the ambiguity in the d/u quark distribution function ratio beyond $x \sim 0.5$, which arises from the model dependence of the nuclear corrections when extracting neutron structure information from deuterium

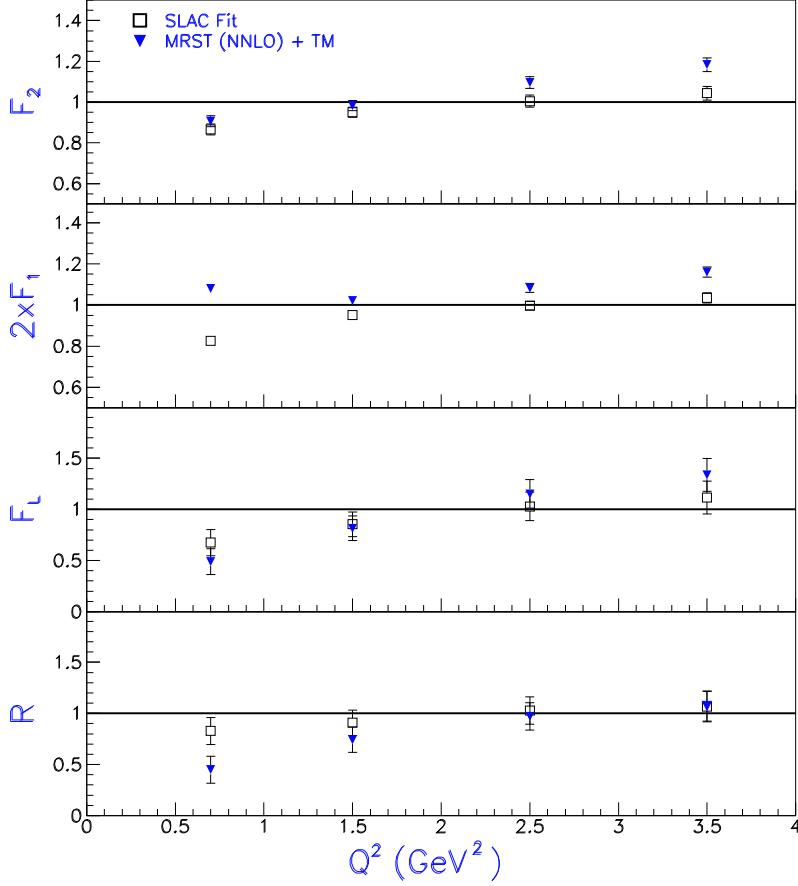


FIG. 16. Ratios of the resonance to scaling integrals of the proton structure functions F_2^p , F_L^p , $2xF_1^p$, and R^p integrated over x . The integration limits are defined by the pion threshold at the highest x , and by $W = 2$ GeV at the lowest x , for the Q^2 values of the resonance data. The scaling functions in the ratios are the SLAC parameterization [69] (squares) and the target mass corrected MRST fit [67] (triangles) at the same (x, Q^2) values.

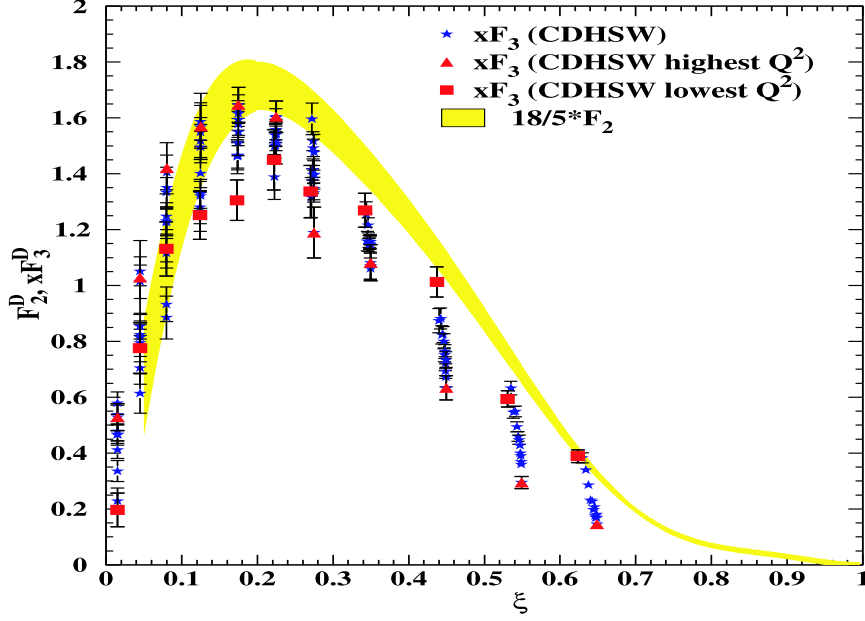


FIG. 17. A comparison of the duality-averaged deuteron F_2^d scaling curve determined from the nucleon resonance region data, multiplied by $18/5$, with the CDHSW data [76] on the deuteron xF_3^d structure function obtained from deep inelastic neutrino-iron scattering data.

data (see Refs. [72–75]). Even if nominally deep inelastic data at higher W^2 and Q^2 , rather than resonance region data, are compared to the available pQCD parameterizations, the scaling curves do not show enough strength at large x ($x \gtrsim 0.5$) and fall uniformly below the data points.

If one assumes duality, it is also possible to obtain a scaling curve by averaging the resonance region data. Here, average values may be calculated for discrete data bins in ξ . A fit to these averages has been obtained by Niculescu *et al.* [7], who found that the resonances oscillate around the fit to within 10%, even down to Q^2 values as low as 0.5 GeV^2 . These lower Q^2 values are below $\xi = 0.2$ in Fig. 11, where the resonance data fall below the $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ scaling curve.

The scaling curve obtained for the deuteron F_2^d structure function by averaging the resonance data is shown as a band in Fig. 17, to indicate the relevant uncertainty. This average curve is in good agreement with extrapolations from deep inelastic scattering above $Q^2 \sim 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, and also represents a smooth average of the resonance data even at lower Q^2 and x values. Note that this curve does not account for the Q^2 evolution of the resonance region, having been obtained from a fit to average resonance region data spanning a range of values in Q^2 within a finite- ξ bin. However, the evolution in the range of the Jefferson Lab data ($0.5 < Q^2 < 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$) is not expected to be large.

When viewed over the entire range in x , including at low x and Q^2 , the duality-averaged curve yields a clear valence-like shape, which is in qualitative agreement with the neutrino/antineutrino data on the valence xF_3 structure function. To enable a direct comparison, the Jefferson Lab average scaling curve has been multiplied by a factor $18/5$ to account for the quark charges, and a neutron excess correction has been applied to the xF_3 data to

obtain neutrino-deuterium data [77]. The xF_3 structure function, which is typically accessed in deep inelastic neutrino-iron scattering [76,78,79], is associated with the parity-violating term in the hadronic current and is odd under charge conjugation. In the quark-parton model it is therefore expressed as a difference between quark and antiquark distributions, as in Eq. (28). This suggests a unique sensitivity of the duality-averaged F_2 data [58] to valence quarks.

Although the agreement between the averaged F_2 scaling curve in the resonance region and the deep inelastic neutrino xF_3 data is not perfect, the similarity is compelling. The observation by Bloom & Gilman that there may be a common origin for the electroproduction of resonances and deep inelastic scattering seems to be true, even at the lowest values of Q^2 , if one assumes a sensitivity to a valence-like quark distribution only. We shall discuss the possible origin of the valence-like behavior of F_2 at low Q^2 in Sec. V A 3.

2. Low Q^2 Moments

The commonly accepted, QCD-based formulation of duality [5,6] relates the moments of structure functions at high Q^2 , where deep inelastic phenomena make the primary contribution, to the low- Q^2 moments, which are dominated by contributions from the resonance region. The Q^2 dependence of the moments between the two regions is expected to reflect both perturbative evolution [60], associated with single quark scattering, and the $1/Q$ power behavior arising from interactions between the struck quark and the remaining “spectator” quarks in the nucleon. This formulation is discussed in detail in Secs. III B 2 and V A, where duality is expressed in terms of the operator product expansion in QCD. For the purposes of this section, it is sufficient to note that the experimental observation of duality is related to the fact that the $1/Q$ multiparton contributions to the F_2 moments are small or canceling on average, even in the low Q^2 region where they should become increasingly important. Conversely, deviations from duality would attest to the presence of significant multiparton effects.

Duality expressed in terms of moments is demonstrated most incontrovertibly by extending the integration limits of the duality integrals in (65) to include the entire x range $0 \leq x \leq 1$. In this case, the duality integral (65) becomes the $n = 2$ (Cornwall-Norton) moment of the F_2 structure function, given in Eq. (43).

To construct the moments accurately, data covering a large range in x must be available at each fixed value of Q^2 so as to minimize uncertainties associated with small- x and other kinematic extrapolations. Figure 18 illustrates a compilation of global F_2^p data over several orders of magnitude in x , for values of Q^2 between 0.1 GeV² and 3.1 GeV² [80]. Resonance region data from Jefferson Lab are indicated by the stars at large x . These are the same data depicted in Figs. 11–13. Data at higher W from SLAC, NMC, Fermilab and HERA are shown at smaller x for the same Q^2 values. Such an extensive combined global data set facilitates the extraction of unpolarized structure function moments with minimal uncertainties. Also shown in the top two panels are curves representing the structure function calculated from PDF parameterizations by the GRV group [81], evolved from $Q^2 = 0.4$ GeV² to the respective values indicated. The central solid curve in the third panel represents the input parton distribution at $Q^2 = 0.4$ GeV². The two outer curves in the bottom two panels represent

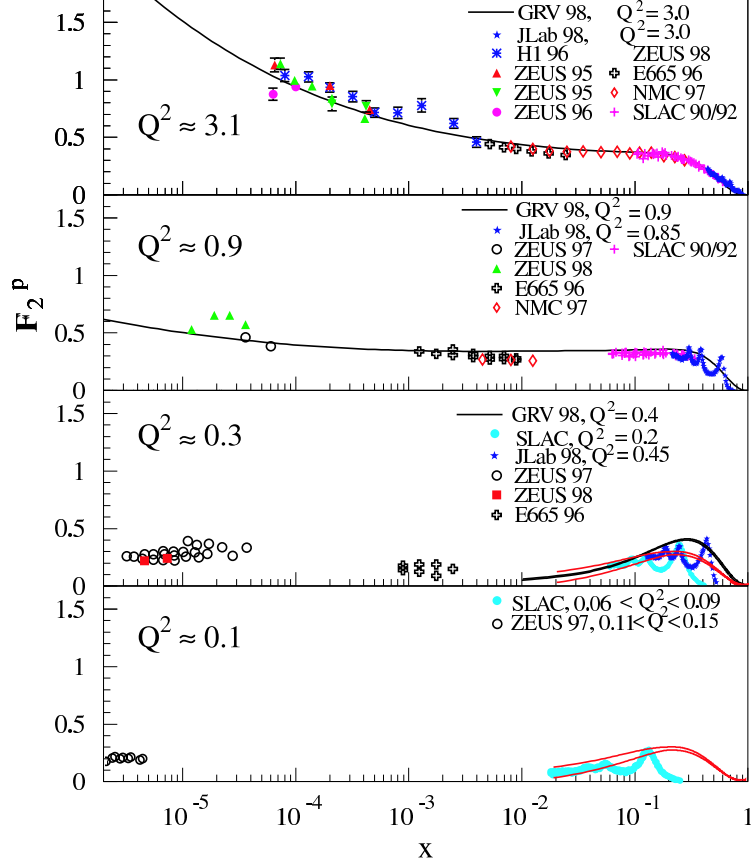


FIG. 18. Global data on the proton F_2^p structure function versus x at four values of Q^2 (note the logarithmic x scale). The solid curves in the top two panels represent F_2^p calculated from parton distribution function parameterizations by the GRV collaboration [81], evolved from $Q^2 = 0.4$ GeV². The central (black) solid curve in the third panel represents the distribution at $Q^2 = 0.4$ GeV². The two outer (red) curves in the bottom two panels represent the uncertainty range of the duality averaged curve discussed in Sec. IV A 1. (Adapted from Ref. [80].)

the average scaling curve from the Jefferson Lab data, encompassing its uncertainty band, as discussed in Sec. IV A 1. It is interesting to note that, while there is a dramatic Q^2 dependence at low x associated with the collapse of the nucleon sea, there is very little Q^2 dependence evident in this range at large x . It has been suggested [82] that large- x evolution may require a modification of the usual Q^2 evolution equations [60] (which assume massless, on-shell quarks) to take into account the fact that quarks at large x are highly off-shell.

The $n = 2, 4, 6$ and 8 moments of F_2^p , constructed from the global data set in Fig. 18, are shown in Fig. 19. The upper panel shows the Cornwall-Norton moments, while the lower panel shows for comparison the moments calculated in terms of the Nachtmann variable ξ . The total experimental uncertainty in the constructed moments is estimated to be less than 5%.

Note that each of the moments necessarily includes the elastic contribution at $x = 1$, which dominates the moments at the lowest Q^2 values. To demonstrate this, the elastic contributions are shown as solid curves in Fig. 19. To include the elastic contribution, we

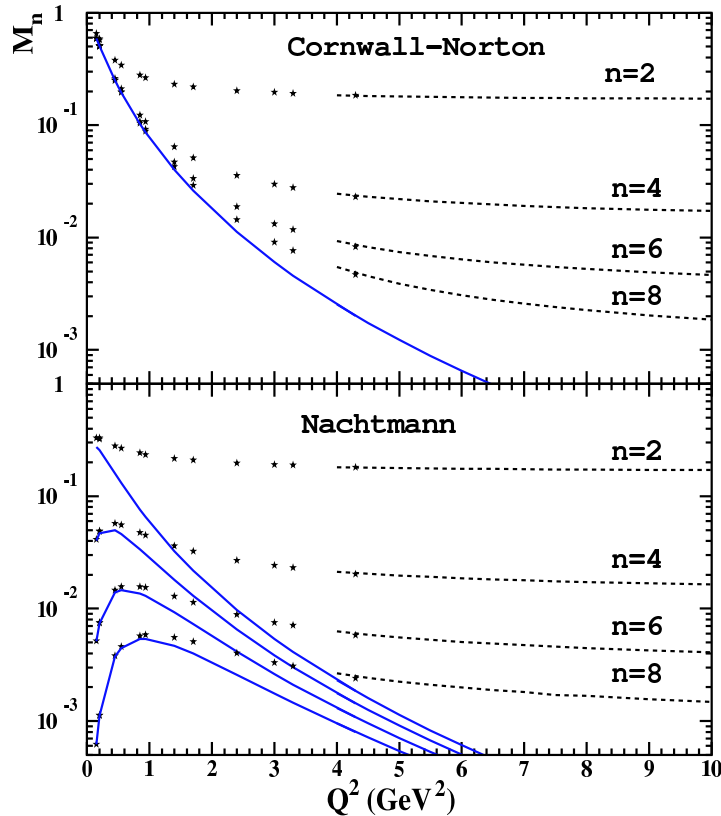


FIG. 19. Moments of the proton F_2^p structure function (upper panel: Cornwall-Norton, lower panel: Nachtmann) extracted from the world's electron-proton scattering data, for $n = 2, 4, 6$ and 8 (top to bottom on each plot). The elastic contributions are indicated by the solid lines. The low- Q^2 ($< 4.3 \text{ GeV}^2$) moments (stars) are constructed directly from the data, while the larger- Q^2 moments (dotted lines) are extracted from global fits to the nucleon elastic, resonance, and deep inelastic regions.

use a fit to the world's global data set compiled in Ref. [83]. Note that the Cornwall-Norton moments will become unity (the proton charge squared) at $Q^2 = 0$, as expected from the Coulomb sum rule. The Nachtmann moments, however, vanish at $Q^2 = 0$ since (in the absence of quark mass scales) ξ/x vanishes in this limit.

Although below $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ there is a more rapid variation of the moments with Q^2 , the lowest ($n = 2$) moment is very weakly Q^2 dependent beyond $Q^2 \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, while the higher moments reach a similar plateau at correspondingly larger Q^2 . This observed shallow Q^2 dependence in Fig. 19 is consistent with the slowly varying logarithmic behavior associated with the perturbative, PDF-based predictions. In the Nachtmann moments, which take into account an additional Q^2 dependence due to target mass effects, even the higher moments display a weak Q^2 dependence at low Q^2 values ($Q^2 \sim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$).

Without the elastic contribution, which is a highly nonperturbative, coherent effect and behaves as $\sim 1/Q^8$ at high Q^2 , both the Cornwall-Norton and Nachtmann moments for low n are nearly constant down to $Q^2 \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$. This suggests that the inelastic part of the moments may resemble the high- Q^2 , scaling moments and exhibit duality at lower Q^2 .

The relative strength of the $W^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ region(s) is illustrated in Fig. 20 for the $n = 2, 4, 6$ and 8 (Cornwall-Norton) moments for $Q^2 < 5 \text{ GeV}^2$. The moments are separated into the elastic contribution (squares); the contribution of the $N - \Delta$ transition region, $1.2 < W^2 < 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ (triangles); the second resonance region, $1.9 < W^2 < 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ (open circles); and the deep inelastic contribution, $W^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ (stars). The total moment is indicated by the filled circles. The vertical scale is chosen to enhance the individual region contributions, so that the total moment is sometimes only visible at higher Q^2 . The lines connecting the data points are to guide the eye.

The elastic contribution dominates the moments at low Q^2 , saturating the integrals near $Q^2 = 0$, but falls off rapidly at larger Q^2 . As Q^2 increases from zero the contributions from the inelastic, finite- W^2 regions increase and compensate some of the loss of strength of the elastic. At larger Q^2 these also begin to fall off. On the other hand, the contribution of the $W^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ region does not die off. Since this contribution is not bound from above, higher- W^2 resonances and the inelastic nonresonant background start becoming important with increasing Q^2 , eventually yielding approximately the logarithmic Q^2 scaling behavior of the moments prescribed by pQCD [60].

As evidenced by the difference between the $W^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ data and the total moments, the contribution of the traditionally defined resonance region ($W < 2 \text{ GeV}$) is non-negligible up to $Q^2 \approx 5 \text{ GeV}^2$. Considering $n = 4$ in Fig. 20 (b), for example, the difference between the total and deep inelastic curves leaves about a 30% contribution to the moment at $Q^2 = 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ coming from the resonance region. In Fig. 19, the $n = 4$ moment at this Q^2 nonetheless exhibits a largely perturbative behavior. The significance of the resonance contributions to the moments and their corresponding Q^2 behavior will be discussed in more detail in Sec. V A in the context of the twist expansion.

3. Duality in Nuclei and the EMC Effect

While most of the recent duality studies have focused on the proton, there have been measurements on deuterium and heavy nuclei in the high- x and low- to moderate- Q^2 region [84–86] which have also revealed additional information about duality. Inclusive electron–nucleus experiments at SLAC designed to probe the $x > 1$ region in the F_2^A structure function concluded that the data began to display scaling indicative of local duality [86], while citing the need for larger ξ data for verification.

This was studied further at Jefferson Lab, and Fig. 21 is a sample plot from these newer duality studies. Here, F_2^A/A for iron is plotted as a function of ξ [84]. The first thing to note is that the smearing caused by nucleon Fermi motion causes the visible resonance mass structure clearly observable for the free nucleon, and even the quasi-elastic peak, to vanish. Once the resonance structure is washed out, scaling is observed at all ξ , and it is impossible to differentiate the DIS and resonance regimes other than by calculating kinematics. Other than at the lowest Q^2 values, the data at all ξ fall on a common, smooth scaling curve. As in Fig. 11, any Q^2 dependence of the scaling curve should not be large here. In this nuclear ξ scaling duality can be observed even more dramatically than for the proton: rather than appearing as a local agreement on average between deep inelastic and resonance data, scaling in nuclear structure functions in the resonance region is directly observed at all values of ξ .

without averaging.

Because nucleons in the deuteron have the smallest Fermi momentum of all nuclei, ξ scaling is not expected to work in deuterium as well as in heavier nuclei at low W^2 and Q^2 . However, ξ scaling is observed even in deuterium at extremely low values of W^2 and relatively low momentum transfers. For $Q^2 \geq 3 \text{ GeV}^2$, the resonance structure is completely washed out, so that even the most prominent Δ resonance is no longer visible.

A compilation of recent F_2 structure function data above $W^2 = 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ is shown in Fig. 22 for hydrogen, deuterium, and iron as a function of ξ , for a variety of momentum transfers ranging from $Q^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ at low ξ to $Q^2 = 7 \text{ GeV}^2$ at the higher ξ values. Also shown is the F_2 scaling curve for the nucleon (from the GRV parameterization [81]), corrected for the known nuclear medium modifications to the structure function. For the proton, the resonance structure is clearly visible and F_2 is seen to oscillate around the scaling curve. For deuterium, and even more so for iron, the resonances become less pronounced, being washed out by the Fermi motion of the nucleons inside the nucleus. The prominent peak present in the deuterium data in Fig. 22 (center panel) corresponds to the Δ resonance. This peak follows the scaling curve as for the proton, but the other resonance peaks are smeared so much as to be indistinguishable from the scaling structure function. For heavier nuclei, even the quasi-elastic peak is washed out by the smearing at higher Q^2 , and scaling is seen at all values of ξ . Here the resonance region is essentially indistinguishable from the scaling regime.

The same observation can also be made from Fig. 23, which shows the deuteron F_2^d structure function as a function of Q^2 , for several values of ξ . The dashed lines are $d \ln F_2^d / d \ln Q^2$ fits to higher- Q^2 data, and the solid lines indicate the boundaries at $W^2 = 2$ and 4 GeV^2 . Essentially all the data, both above and below $W^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$, lie on the perturbative curves, making it practically impossible to distinguish between the hadronic and partonic regimes. Deviations appear only at very low Q^2 , $Q^2 \sim 1\text{--}2 \text{ GeV}^2$, where the quasi-elastic peaks become visible.

The limited kinematic coverage of the available nuclear resonance region data, combined with the uncertainty in modeling nuclear effects at large x , does not yet permit precision duality studies at the level of those that have been done for the proton. However, interesting studies have been performed with the existing data to test the practicality of using duality-averaged scaling to access high- x nucleon structure. Rather than comparing the nuclear structure functions in the resonance region to deep inelastic parameterizations at low Q^2 , as in Fig. 23, the nuclear dependence in the resonance region has been compared directly to measurements made in the DIS regime.

Figure 24 depicts the ratio of nuclear to deuteron cross sections per nucleon for carbon, iron, and gold, corrected for non-isoscalarity effects [87]. The characteristic ξ dependence of the ratio $\sigma_{\text{Fe}}/\sigma_d \approx F_2^{\text{Fe}}/F_2^d$, namely a dip at $\xi \sim 0.6\text{--}0.7$ and a rapid rise above unity for $\xi \gtrsim 0.8$ (known as the “EMC effect”), has been well-established from many deep inelastic measurements [88] and has been interpreted in terms of a nuclear medium modification of the nucleon structure function. The unique feature of the plot, however, is the additional inclusion of resonance region data from Jefferson Lab.

Qualitatively, the nuclear effects in the resonance region appear to be similar to those in the deep inelastic region. This is somewhat surprising, since the nuclear dependence of the scaling structure functions is not at all expected to be the same as the nuclear dependence of

resonance production. While nuclear medium modifications of proton form factors has been observed (in polarization transfer measurements of the elastic proton G_E^p/G_M^p form factor ratio, for instance [89,90]), there is *a priori* no reason why these modifications would be the same as those for structure functions measured in deep inelastic scattering. On the other hand, this may be viewed as another consequence of quark-hadron duality. In Sec. V C 1 we explore some consequences of local duality in relating the nuclear medium modifications of structure functions at large x and electromagnetic form factors.

B. Longitudinal and Transverse Cross Sections

In the preceding section we have shown that duality has been clearly established in the F_2 structure function, both locally as a function of x (or ξ), and globally in terms of moments. From its definition, however, the F_2 structure function contains contributions from scattering of both longitudinal and transverse photons. The question then arises of whether, and to what extent, duality holds in either or both of the longitudinal and transverse channels separately.

The extraction of the F_2 structure function from cross section data can only proceed with some input for the ratio R of the longitudinal to transverse cross sections. At high Q^2 the scattering of longitudinal photons from spin-1/2 quarks is suppressed, and one expects $R \rightarrow 0$ as $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$. At low Q^2 , however, R is no longer suppressed, and could be sizable, especially in the resonance region and at large x . A model-independent determination of unpolarized structure functions from inclusive cross section data requires, therefore, precision longitudinal/transverse (LT) separations to simultaneously extract F_2 and R , or equivalently F_1 and the longitudinal structure function, F_L , as in Eqs. (14)–(23).

Until recently very little data on R existed in the region of the resonances, rendering reliable LT separations impossible. The few measurements that existed below $Q^2 = 8 \text{ GeV}^2$ in this region yielded R in the range $-0.1 \lesssim R \lesssim 0.4$, and had typical errors of 100% or more. New precision measurements of proton cross sections at Jefferson Lab [65] have allowed for the first time detailed duality studies in all of the unpolarized structure functions and their moments.

1. Duality in the Separated Structure Functions

Within the framework of the naive parton model with free, massless spin-1/2 quarks, the F_1 and F_2 structure functions are related via the Callan-Gross relation [10], Eq. (12), and the longitudinal to transverse cross section ratio R is zero. By allowing quarks to have an intrinsic transverse momentum k_T , and a non-zero mass m_q , the value of R is no longer zero, and is given by $R = 4(m_q^2 + k_T^2)/Q^2$ [91]. Furthermore, the inclusion of hard gluon bremsstrahlung and photon-gluon interactions also contributes to R by generating additional transverse momentum k_T [92–94]. In leading order pQCD, the contribution to R from gluon radiation varies as the strong coupling constant, α_s , $R \sim 1/\ln Q^2$. Because the pQCD contributions to R are quite small, the $1/Q^2$ power corrections, which are nonperturbative in origin, are expected to play a significant, if not dominant, role at low Q^2 . Since the latter are not directly calculable, precision measurements of R , or equivalently, accurate

LT-separated structure functions, are crucial to observing duality in the moderate to low- Q^2 regime.

It has been reported in Ref. [95] that R measured at intermediate Q^2 in the DIS region [96–98] is significantly higher than the next-to-leading-order pQCD predictions, even with the inclusion of corrections due to target mass effects. This enhanced strength in R relative to pQCD was argued to be evidence for dynamical “higher twist” effects [95,98] (see Sec. V A). Quark-hadron duality would suggest, on the other hand, that even in the resonance region nonperturbative, $1/Q^2$ effects would be small for Q^2 as low as 1 GeV^2 when the structure function is averaged over any of the prominent resonance regions. The separated structure functions, therefore, are particularly interesting quantities for duality studies.

New data from Jefferson Lab experiment E94-110 on the separated proton transverse (F_1^p) and longitudinal (F_L^p) structure functions in the resonance region are shown in Figs. 25 and 26, respectively [66]. LT-separated data from SLAC, which are predominantly in the DIS region, are also shown for comparison [95,98]. Where coincident, the Jefferson Lab and SLAC data are in excellent agreement, providing confidence in the achievement of the demanding precision required of this type of experiment. In all cases, it is also interesting to note that the resonance and DIS data smoothly move toward one another in both x and Q^2 .

The curves in Figs. 25 and 26 are from Alekhin’s next-to-next-to leading order (NNLO) analysis [70], including target mass effects as in Ref. [47], and from the MRST NNLO analysis [67], with and without target mass effects according to [16] included. It is clear that target mass effects are required to describe the data. However, other than the target mass corrections, no additional nonperturbative physics seems necessary to describe the *average* behavior of the resonance region for $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. Furthermore, this is true for a range of different Q^2 values, indicating that the scaling curve describes as well the average Q^2 dependence of the resonance region. These results are analogous to those in Fig. 14 for the F_2 structure function, and are a clear manifestation of quark-hadron duality in the separated transverse and longitudinal channels.

The scaling curves in all of the unpolarized structure functions appear dual therefore to the average of the resonance region strength. This statement is quantified in Fig. 16 of Sec. IV A 1 above for the ratios of integrals of the resonance to scaling functions. The main difficulty in the integrated ratio approach of testing duality was the lack of knowledge of the correct perturbative structure function at large x . Nonetheless, for all of the spin-averaged structure functions of the proton (F_1 , F_2 , F_L and R), the integrated resonance region strength for $Q^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ is similar to the integrated perturbative strength over the same range in x . This strongly suggests that, at least for the unpolarized structure functions, duality is a fundamental property of nucleon structure.

2. Moments of F_1 and F_L

In this section we present moments of new, *LT-separated*, spin-averaged, structure function data. Previously, F_2 moments were constructed using assumed values for R . Since hardly any measurements of R existed in the nucleon resonance region before the Jefferson Lab E94-110 experiment [65,66], one may expect small changes to the low- Q^2 moments of

F_2 constructed from the earlier data.

At lower values of Q^2 ($< 5 \text{ GeV}^2$), the region of the nucleon resonances covers larger intervals of x , and consequently resonances provide increasingly dominant contributions to structure function moments. Since bound state resonances are associated with nonperturbative effects in QCD, one expects deviations from perturbative behavior to be strongest in this regime. This is especially true in the longitudinal channel, where long-range correlations between quarks are expected to play a greater role, as discussed in Sec. IV B 1, above.

As can be seen in Figs. 27 and 28, nonperturbative effects (other than the elastic contribution) appear to be small in the new Jefferson Lab data above $Q^2 = 0.7 \text{ GeV}^2$. Here, the $n = 2$ and $n = 4$ moments of the F_2^p (top), $2xF_1^p$ (center), and F_L^p (bottom) structure functions are extracted from fits to the Jefferson Lab Hall C [65,66] and SLAC [95,98] data. This moment analysis is still preliminary [99], and is ultimately expected to have $\approx 5\%$ errors. The total moments, which include the full range in $0 \leq x \leq 1$, are connected by the solid lines, while the moments without the elastic contribution are connected by the dashed lines. At high Q^2 the elastic contribution rapidly vanishes (structure functions are identically zero at $x = 1$ in the Bjorken limit), so that the difference between the two sets of curves becomes negligible by $Q^2 \approx 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ for the $n = 2$ moments, and by $Q^2 \approx 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ for the $n = 4$ moments.

One of the most remarkable features of the results in Figs. 27 and 28 is that the elastic-subtracted moments exhibit little or no Q^2 dependence even for $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. In the region where the moments are completely dominated by the nucleon resonances, the $n = 2$ and $n = 4$ moments of all of the unpolarized structure functions appear to behave just as in the deep inelastic region at high Q^2 . In both cases, nonperturbative corrections to the Q^2 dependence must be quite small.

Finally, in Fig. 29 we show the ($n = 2$) Nachtmann moments, in a comparable Q^2 range to Figs. 27 and 28. Interestingly, the target-mass corrections to the Nachtmann moments reduce even further the remaining Q^2 dependence of the structure function moments at low Q^2 . The full F_2^p moment with the elastic included exhibits very limited Q^2 dependence, and less than the comparable Cornwall-Norton moment. There remains an observable Q^2 dependence of the full F_L^p ($n = 2$) moment, on the other hand, at lower Q^2 , but it is also reduced compared to the Cornwall-Norton moment. Note that the scale of Fig. 29 is necessarily different from that of Figs. 27 and 28. The effect of neglecting the elastic contribution is reduced for both, but more dramatically so in the latter.

We shall discuss the implications of these findings in terms of the operator product expansion in Sec. V A 1. In the next section, however, we examine duality for spin-dependent structure functions.

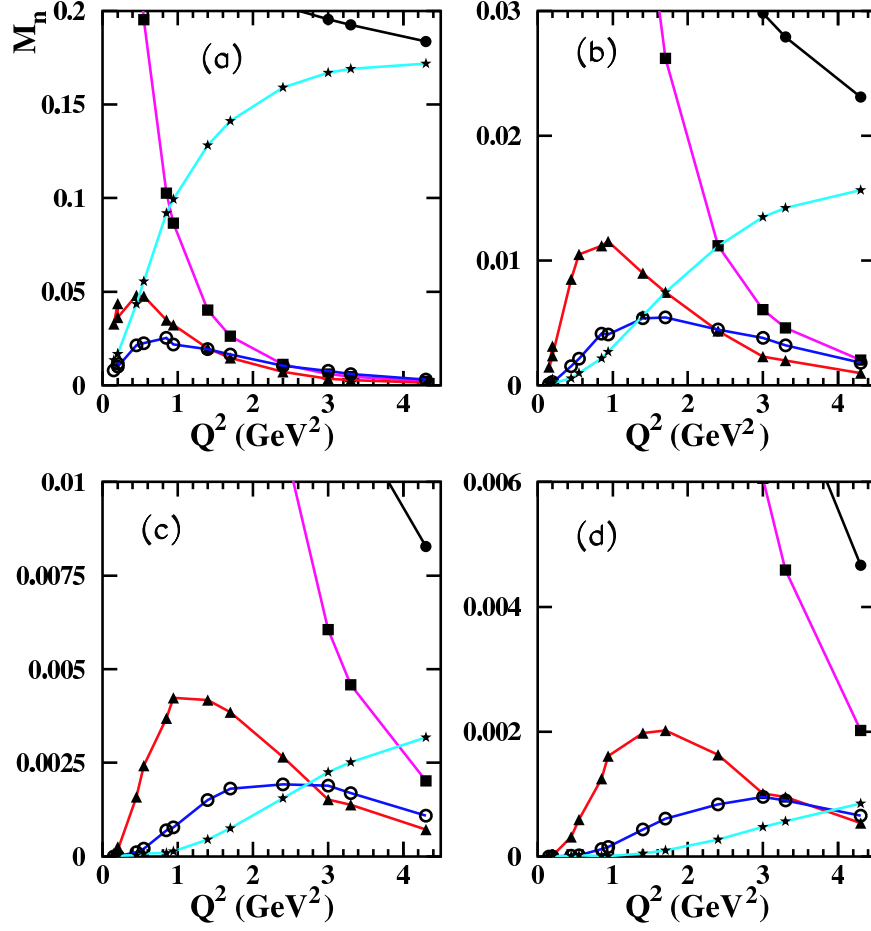


FIG. 20. Cornwall-Norton moments of the F_2^p structure function, for (a) $n = 2$, (b) $n = 4$, (c) $n = 6$, and (d) $n = 8$. Contributions to the moment are shown separately for the elastic peak (squares), the regions $1.2 < W^2 < 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ (triangles), $1.9 < W^2 < 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ (open circles), and $W^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ (stars), together with the total moment (filled circles). The curves connect the data points to guide the eye.

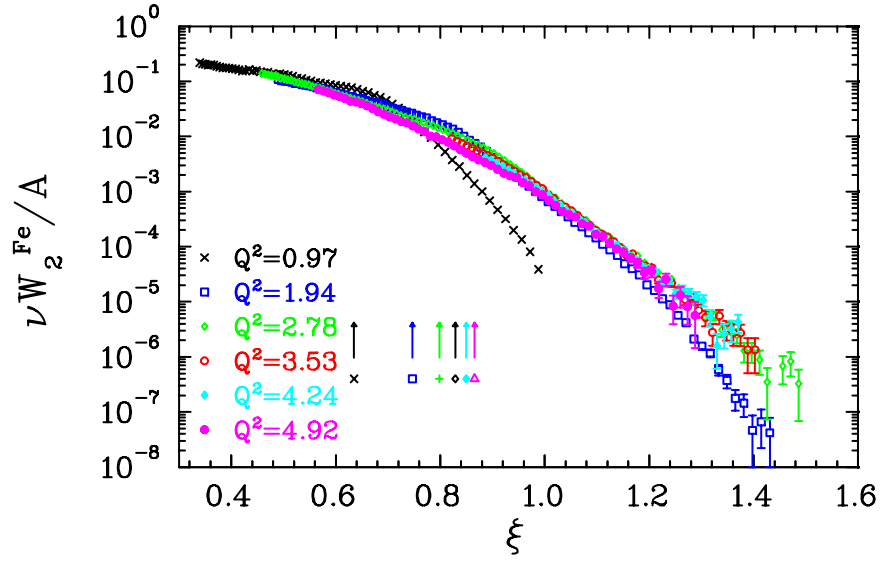


FIG. 21. The $\nu W_2^{\text{Fe}} = F_2^{\text{Fe}}$ structure function for iron (per nucleon) as a function of ξ . The data were obtained at fixed electron scattering angle, and the quoted Q^2 (in units of GeV^2) are the values for $x = 1$. The arrows indicate the values of ξ corresponding to the quasi-elastic peak for each setting.

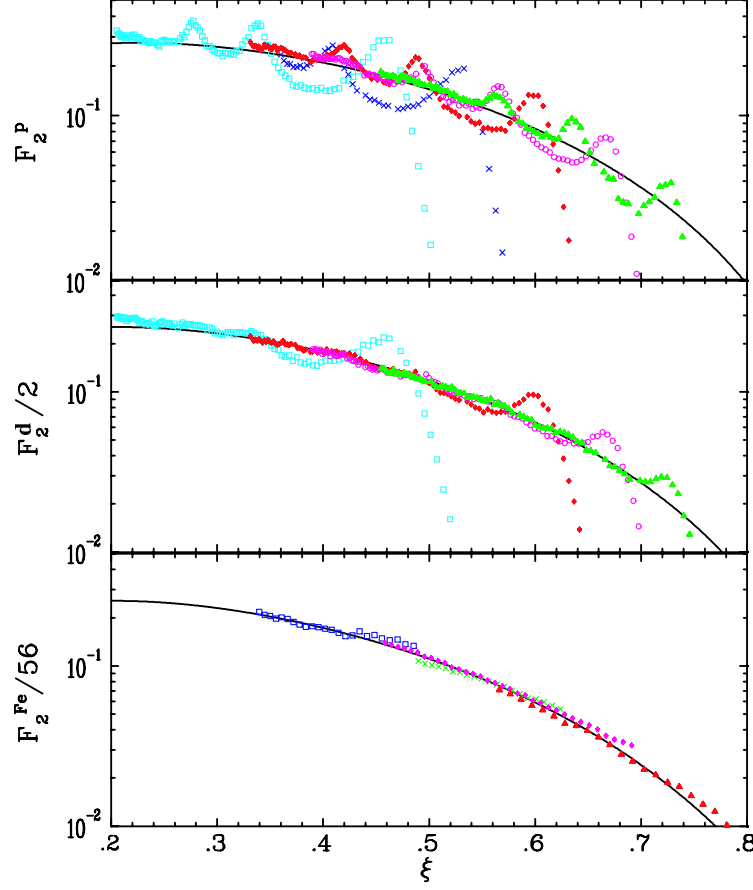


FIG. 22. F_2 structure function per nucleon as a function of ξ for hydrogen, deuterium, and iron. The curves are the GRV parameterization [81] at $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, corrected for the nuclear EMC effect. Errors shown are statistical only.

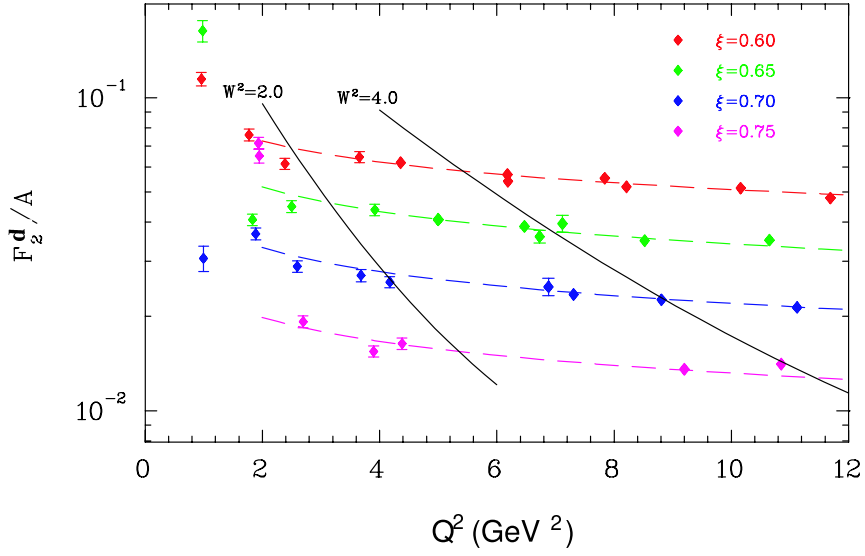


FIG. 23. F_2^d structure function as a function of Q^2 at fixed values of ξ . The dashed lines are $d \ln F_2^d / d \ln Q^2$ fits to higher Q^2 data. The solid lines denote fixed values of $W^2 = 2$ and 4 GeV^2 . Errors are statistical only, and systematic uncertainties vary between $\sim 3\%$ and $\sim 7\%$. The data above $W^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ are mostly from SLAC, and those below $W^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ from Jefferson Lab, as described in Ref. [87].

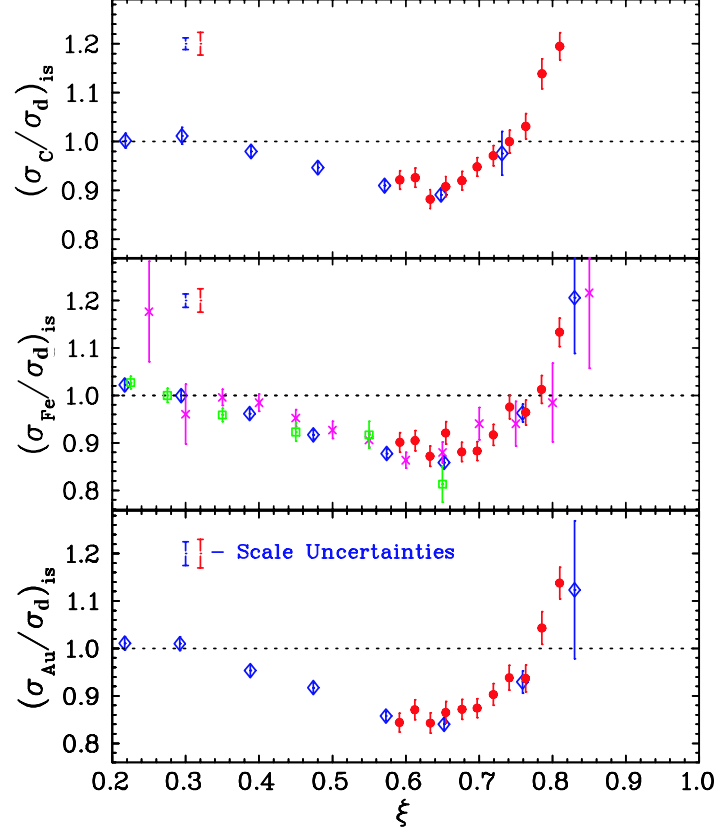


FIG. 24. Ratio of nuclear to deuterium cross sections per nucleon, corrected for neutron excess, for carbon (top), iron (center) and gold (bottom) versus ξ . The resonance data at low W and Q^2 from Jefferson Lab (circles) are compared with the deep inelastic data at high W and Q^2 from SLAC E139 (diamonds), SLAC E87 (crosses), and BCDMS (squares). The scale uncertainties for the SLAC (left) and JLab (right) data are shown in the figure.

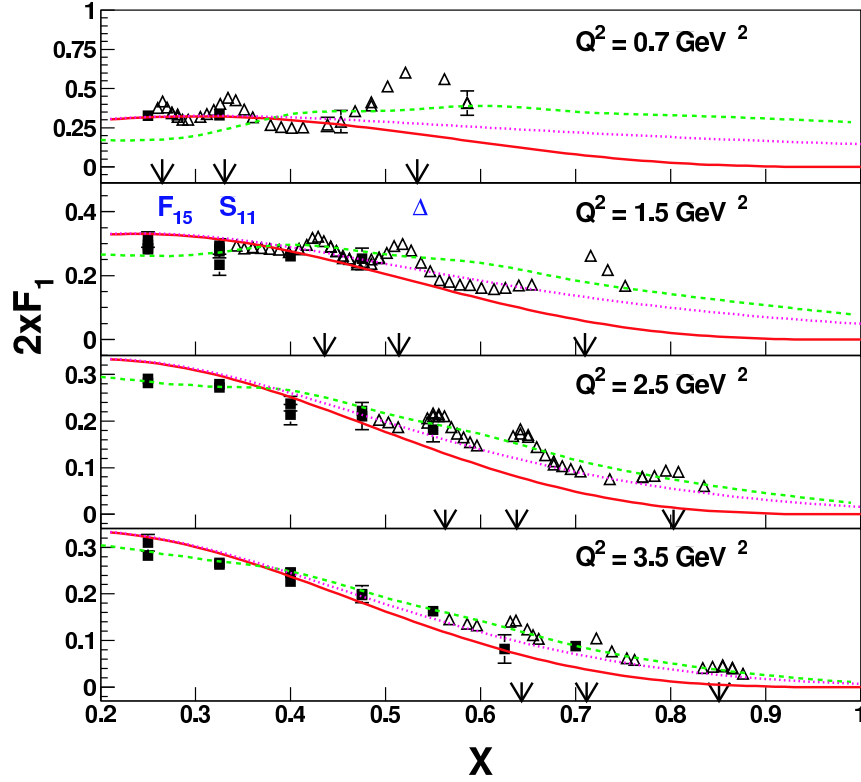


FIG. 25. The purely transverse proton structure function $2xF_1^p$, measured in the resonance region (triangles) as a function of x , compared with existing high-precision DIS measurements from SLAC (squares). The curves are from Alekhin (dashed) [70], and from MRST [67], both at NNLO, with (dotted) and without (solid) target mass effects included, as described in the text. The prominent resonance regions (Δ , S_{11} , F_{15}) are indicated by the arrows.

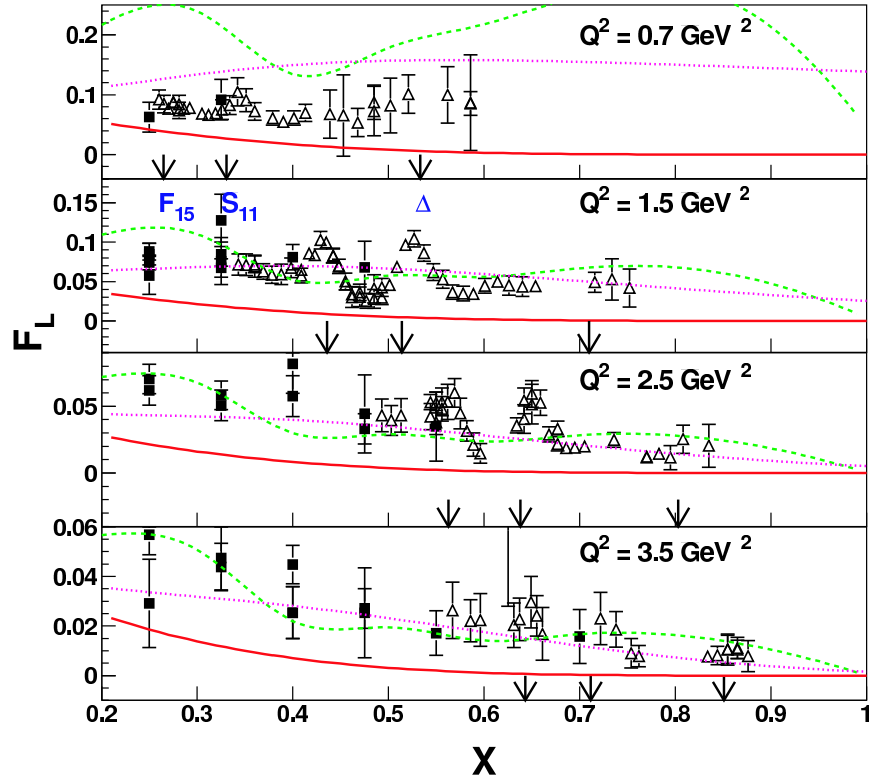


FIG. 26. As in Fig. 25, but for the longitudinal structure function F_L .

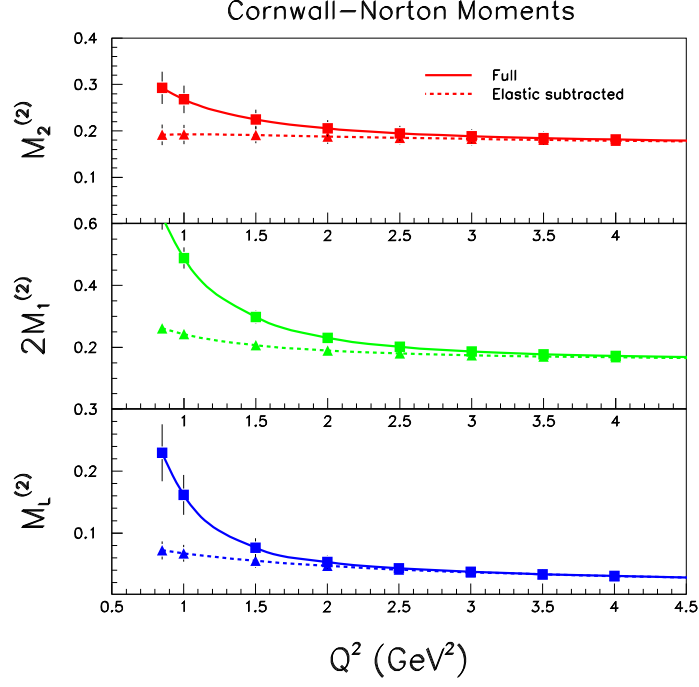


FIG. 27. Second ($n = 2$) Cornwall-Norton moments of the F_2 (top), $2xF_1$ (center) and F_L (bottom) structure functions, evaluated from the preliminary Jefferson Lab Hall C data [65,66]. The total moments are connected by solid lines, and elastic-subtracted moments by dashed lines.

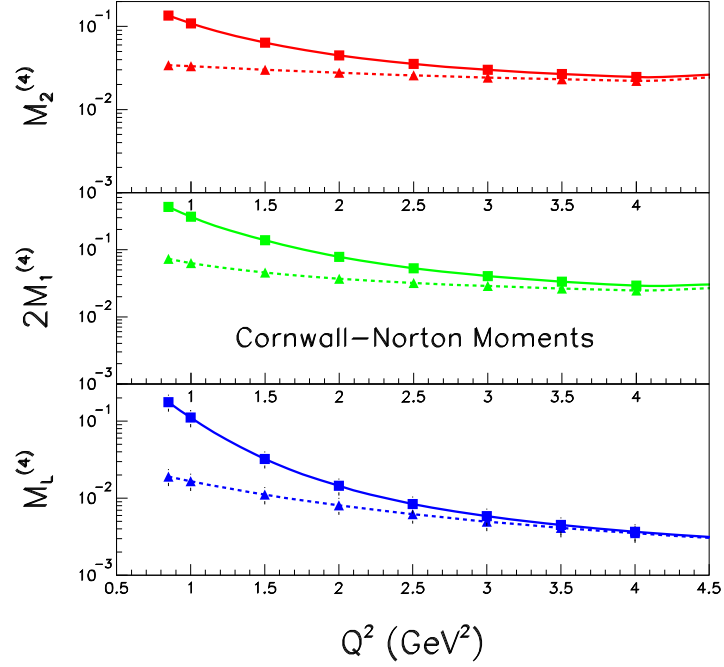


FIG. 28. As in Fig. 27 but for the $n = 4$ moments.

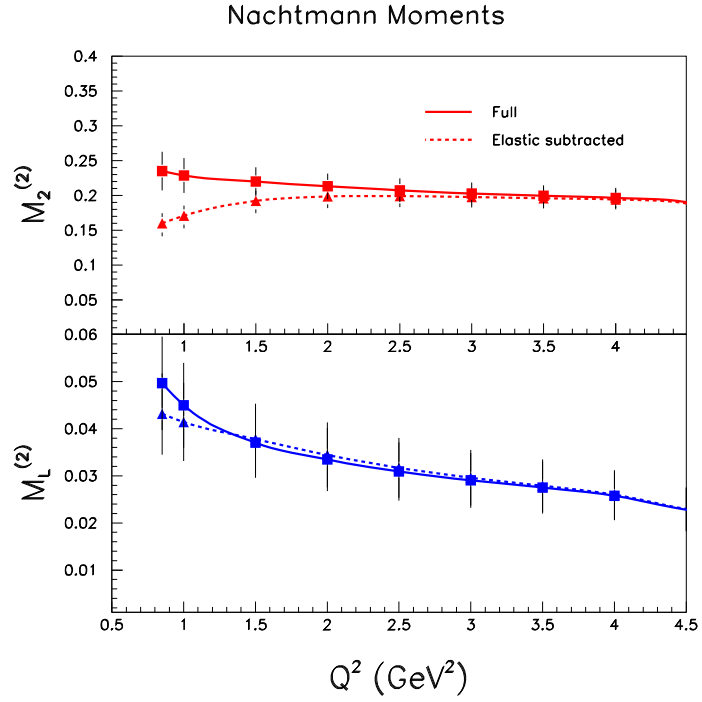


FIG. 29. Second ($n = 2$) Nachtmann moments of the F_2 (top) and F_L (bottom) structure functions, evaluated from the preliminary Jefferson Lab Hall C data [65,66]. The total and elastic-subtracted moments are shown by the solid and dashed lines, respectively.

C. Duality in Spin-Dependent Structure Functions

In the previous section we have explored the transition between the partonic and hadronic regimes in unpolarized electron scattering, and established the degree to which quark-hadron duality holds in the F_1 and F_2 structure functions. In principle, there should also exist kinematic regions in spin-dependent electron–nucleon scattering, where descriptions in terms of both hadron and parton degrees of freedom coexist. Indeed, duality in spin-dependent structure functions has been predicted from both perturbative [100] and nonperturbative QCD arguments [101,102].

The feature which most distinguishes the study of duality in spin-dependent scattering from spin-averaged is that since spin structure functions are given by differences of cross sections, they no longer need be positive. A dramatic example of this is provided by the Δ resonance, whose contribution to the g_1 structure function of the proton is negative at low Q^2 , but changes sign and becomes positive at high Q^2 . In spin-dependent scattering several new questions for the investigation of quark-hadron duality therefore arise:

1. Does quark-hadron duality work better (or only) for positive definite quantities such as cross sections, in contrast to polarization asymmetries?
2. Is there a quantitative difference between the onset of quark-hadron duality for spin-averaged and spin-dependent scattering, and if so, what can this be attributed to?
3. Does quark-hadron duality also hold for local regions in W for spin-dependent structure functions, and if so, how do these regions differ from those in unpolarized scattering?

Expanding on the last question, the example above of the Δ resonance contribution to the polarization asymmetry is sometimes used as evidence against quark-hadron duality in spin-dependent scattering [103]. However, this argument is still not complete: the Δ resonance *region* consists of both a resonant *and* a nonresonant contribution, and it is the interplay between these that is crucial for the appearance of duality [100,104]. The more relevant question is at which value of Q^2 does the Δ resonance region turn positive (in the case of the proton g_1^p), and whether quark-hadron duality holds at lower Q^2 if one averages over the elastic or other nearby resonances in addition to the Δ . Clearly duality cannot be too local at low Q^2 .

In this section we will examine the degree to which local quark-hadron duality exists in spin-dependent electron scattering, and how this is reflected in the moments of the g_1 structure function. We begin by reviewing measurements of the proton g_1 structure function, following which we discuss experiments with deuterium and ^3He (neutron) targets. The latter can be combined with the proton data to resolve the isospin dependence of duality in spin structure functions. Several sum rules, most notably the generalized Gerasimov-Drell-Hearn sum rule, are discussed, and we conclude by reviewing the relevance of the g_2 structure function for quark-hadron duality studies.

1. Proton g_1 Structure Function

A large quantity of precision spin structure function data has been collected over the past two decades [105] in the deep inelastic region ($W > 2$ GeV) over a large range of Q^2 .

This has allowed for initial studies of the logarithmic scaling violations in the g_1^p structure function, and more recently has enabled one to embark upon dedicated investigations of quark-hadron duality in spin-dependent scattering.

The spin structure functions g_1 and g_2 are typically extracted from measurements of the longitudinal (A_{\parallel}) and transverse (A_{\perp}) polarization asymmetries (see Sec. II). The early resonance region measurements of A_{\parallel} from SLAC, over twenty years ago [106], covered the range $Q^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ to 1.5 GeV^2 . The data showed that the asymmetries in the resonance region, apart from the Δ , were indeed positive. From comparisons of the measured asymmetries with a fit to deep inelastic data, it was concluded [106] that the behavior of the spin-dependent asymmetries was consistent with duality, in analogy with the unpolarized case. The noted exception was a major oscillation away from the deep inelastic behavior in the Δ region, for $Q^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$.

The first modern experiment accessing the spin structure functions in the resonance region was SLAC experiment E143 [107,108], which measured both A_{\parallel} and A_{\perp} for protons (and deuterons) over a wide range of kinematics. Significant structure was observed in g_1^p , and, within uncertainties, agreement with the previous SLAC data [106] taken at similar kinematics. Again, a negative contribution in the region of the $N - \Delta$ transition was observed, and a large positive contribution for $W^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$.

The E143 data at $Q^2 \approx 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ are shown in Fig. 30, together with data in the deep inelastic region at $Q^2 = 3.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ (data at $Q^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ were also taken). To facilitate comparison at different Q^2 the data are shown as a function of the Nachtmann scaling variable ξ , which accounts for target mass corrections. Target mass effects can also be incorporated in perturbative QCD-based calculations, as was done for the unpolarized structure functions. We will show such comparisons with the more recent data below.

One can see from Fig. 30 that the resonance region data at $Q^2 \approx 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ seem to approach the deep inelastic results, with the exception of the $N - \Delta$ transition region (which occurs at $\xi \approx 0.5$). When integrating over the region of ξ corresponding to the nucleon resonances at $Q^2 \approx 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$, one finds about 60% of the corresponding deep inelastic strength at $Q^2 = 3.0 \text{ GeV}^2$. Obviously, a large source of this missing strength lies in the Δ region, which is still negative, and indeed the integrated strength in the region $2 < W^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ amounts to about 80% of the corresponding deep inelastic strength.

Recently, the HERMES Collaboration at DESY reported A_1^p spin asymmetry data in the nucleon resonance region for $Q^2 > 1.6 \text{ GeV}^2$ [109] — see Fig. 31. The resonance region data are in agreement with those measured in the deep inelastic region [108,110–112]. The curve in Fig. 31 is a power law fit to the world deep inelastic data at $x > 0.3$, $A_1^p = x^{0.7}$. Such a parameterization is constrained to approach unity at $x = 1$, which is consistent with the trend of the data shown. The A_1^p data in the resonance region exceed the prediction from the SU(6) symmetric quark model ($A_1^p = 5/9$) [9] for $x \gtrsim 0.5$ (see Sec. VC 1 below). The chosen parameterization is independent of Q^2 , as supported by the experimental data in this range of x [112].

The average ratio of the measured A_1^p asymmetry in the resonance region to the deep inelastic power law fit is $1.11 \pm 0.16 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.18 \text{ (syst.)}$ [109]. This suggests that for $Q^2 > 1.6 \text{ GeV}^2$, the description of the spin asymmetry in terms of quark degrees of freedom is, on average, also valid in the nucleon resonance region. The implication of this result is the tantalizing possibility of measuring the partonic content of A_1^p at large values of x ,

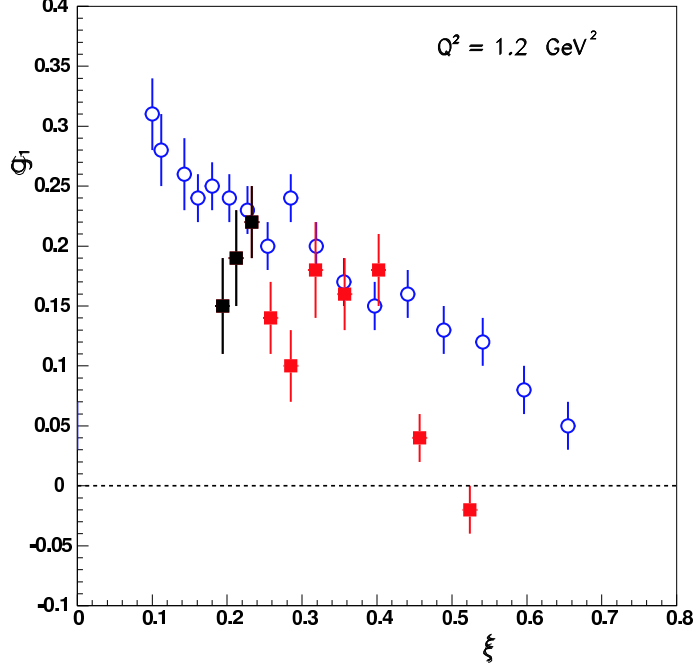


FIG. 30. Proton g_1^p structure function measured by SLAC experiment E143 [107,108]. The open circles denote the deep inelastic region at $Q^2 = 3.0 \text{ GeV}^2$, and the solid squares represent the nucleon resonance region at $Q^2 \approx 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$. (The three solid squares at the lowest ξ are beyond the nucleon resonance region, at $4 < W^2 < 5 \text{ GeV}^2$.) The data are shown as a function of the Nachtmann variable ξ to take target mass effects into account, and to facilitate comparison of these disparate kinematics.

almost up to $x = 1$, by extending such measurements into the nucleon resonance region. Measurements of spin structure functions in the nucleon resonance region at $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, with both good statistical and systematic precision, would be very welcome to investigate this in detail. Recently, the E01-006 experiment at Jefferson Lab [113,114] measured A_{\parallel} and A_{\perp} to high precision at $Q^2 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$, and the data, which are currently being analyzed, will allow a sensitive test of the assumptions made to extract A_1^p . However, to investigate the mechanisms and the applications of quark-hadron duality, precise measurements at higher values of Q^2 are required.

As mentioned in Sec. II, there are advantages in presenting spin-dependent data in terms of g_1 rather than A_1 , as the former is less sensitive to the precise knowledge of g_2 (or A_2). The CLAS Collaboration at Jefferson Lab carried out inclusive polarized scattering experiments at energies of 2.6 and 4.3 GeV, using polarized NH_3 as the target material [115]. Some of the results, for $Q^2 > 0.7 \text{ GeV}^2$, are shown in Fig. 32. In the lowest- Q^2 bin, the contribution of the Δ resonance region to g_1^p is negative, whereas the contributions of the higher-mass states are positive. The negative Δ contribution obviously prevents a naive local duality interpretation at low Q^2 . However, in some models [102,117] local duality is only expected to arise after averaging over the Δ and the (positive) elastic contribution (see Sec. V C 2 below). Indeed, addition of the nucleon elastic and $N - \Delta$ transition contributions would render a positive definite value for the averaged g_1^p .

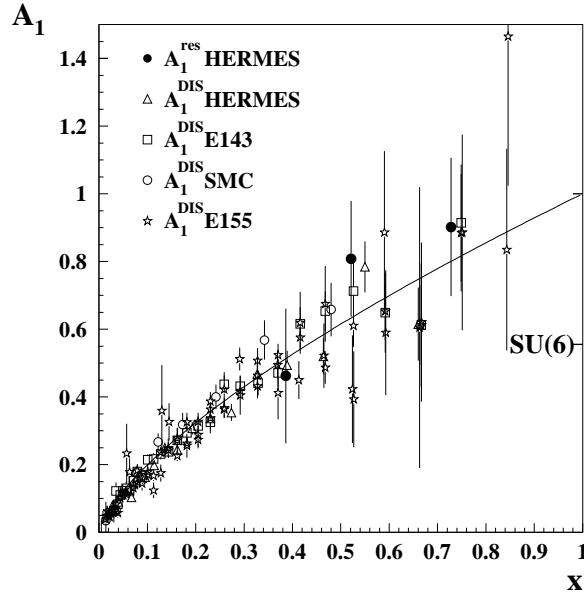


FIG. 31. Proton spin asymmetry A_1^p as a function of x in the resonance region (solid circles) by the HERMES Collaboration [109]. The errors are statistical only, with the systematic uncertainty in the resonance region about 16%. Open symbols are previous results obtained in the deep inelastic region. The curve represents a power law fit to the deep inelastic data at $x > 0.3$, and the SU(6) prediction ($A_1^p = 5/9$) [9] for the $x \rightarrow 1$ limit is indicated.

At higher Q^2 values, the role of the nonresonant background becomes more prominent, and the magnitude of the (negative) contribution of the Δ region rapidly decreases, becoming comparable to the (positive) contribution from elastic scattering. In contrast, the g_1^p structure function at the higher- W regions shows less Q^2 variation, and in fact already closely resembles the global structure function parameterizations [116]. As found earlier in the F_2^p structure function, the nucleon resonance region data seem to “heal” towards the perturbative expectation. This onset is slower for the Δ region, due to the still large, but rapidly decreasing, elastic contribution. Apart from the Δ region, which still shows no clear sign of local duality at the Q^2 values of the present data, one can conclude that some evidence for quark-hadron duality does exist for the proton spin structure function g_1^p .

This is further illustrated in Fig. 33, where we show the integrated strength of the nucleon resonance region data in Fig. 32 as compared to the integrated strength from the global structure function parameterizations [116]. Here the data have been split into two regions — the region $W^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ (with the elastic contribution included), and $2 < W^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ — and then integrated for each Q^2 over the x regions corresponding to the chosen W^2 . Clearly the elastic region *overcompensates* for the negative Δ region contribution, and the ratio for the region $W^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ falls as a function of Q^2 . The region $2 < W^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ has $\sim 75\%$ of the strength of the global QCD parameterization [116], close to the 80% found in the SLAC-E143 data [107,108] at $Q^2 = 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$. The complete nucleon resonance region, with the elastic contribution included, closely resembles what one expects from the QCD parameterization at $Q^2 \approx 1.7 \text{ GeV}^2$. However, an even earlier onset is observed when both the elastic and Δ regions are left out.

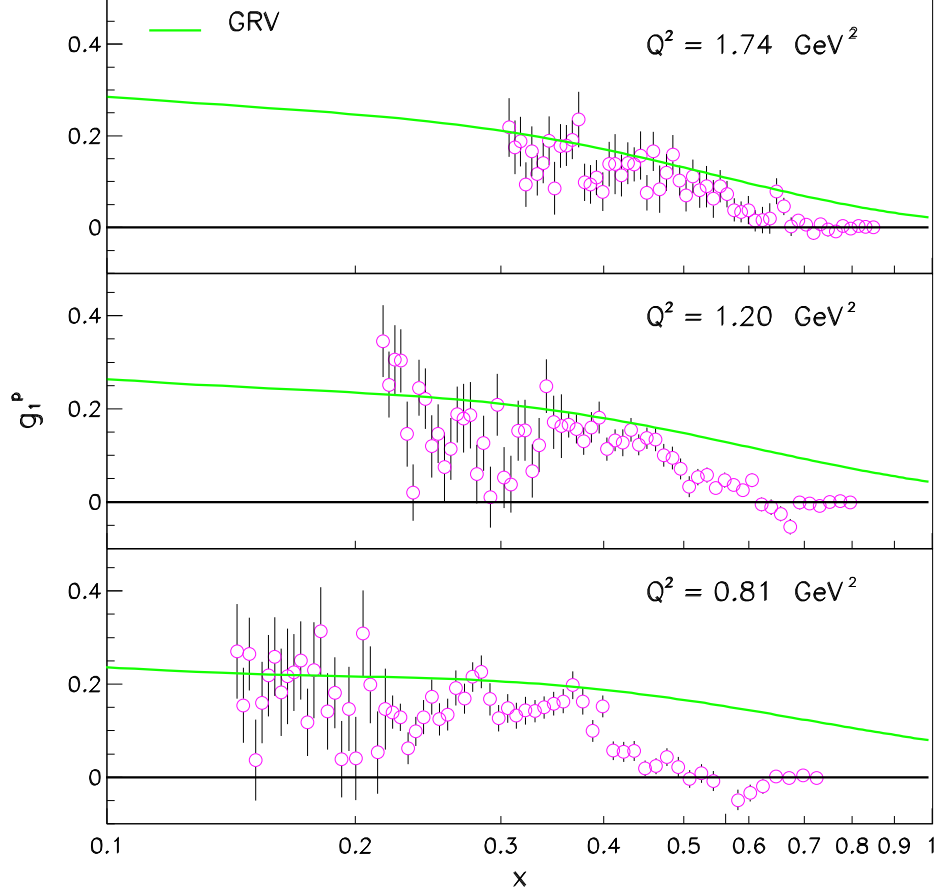


FIG. 32. Proton spin structure function g_1^p from CLAS [115] in the resonance region, at three values of Q^2 indicated. The curves are the global parameterizations of the spin structure functions from Ref. [116].

The special role played by the Δ resonance in spin-dependent scattering means that quark-hadron duality sets in later (at higher Q^2) here than in the corresponding spin-averaged case. The Δ region in the g_1^p structure function remains negative at least until $Q^2 \approx 2 \text{ GeV}^2$. On the other hand, one could also argue that the Δ region is not negative enough! This is clear from Fig. 33, where the Δ resonance region together with the elastic contribution included still has *too much* strength at low Q^2 . This is consistent with the fact that higher-twist analyses of the lowest moment of g_1^p do not show large higher twist effects (see Sec. V A 2).

Summarizing the current experimental evidence, we see that some form of local duality is clearly evident for $Q^2 > 1.6 \text{ GeV}^2$ from at least two observations: the spin asymmetry A_1^p in the nucleon resonance region agrees well on average with a deep inelastic power law fit, and the g_1^p integrated strength (with the elastic contribution included) agrees well with that from a global structure function parameterization [116] at $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. This leads us to conclude that the onset of duality in the proton spin structure function occurs somewhere in the region of $1 < Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$. Furthermore, the evidence for quark-hadron duality in both the spin-averaged and the spin-dependent scattering process suggests that the helicity-1/2

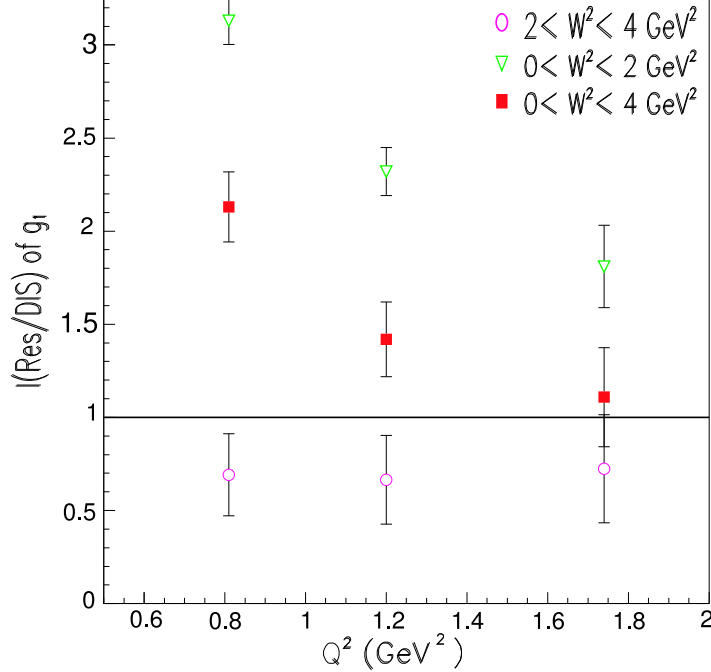


FIG. 33. Ratio of the integrated strength of the g_1^p data in Fig. 32 to that of the global parameterization from Ref. [116]. Both the data and the QCD parameterization are integrated for each Q^2 over the x regions corresponding to the indicated W^2 regions (with the elastic contribution included).

and helicity-3/2 photoabsorption cross sections exhibit quark-hadron duality separately.

2. Experiments with Polarized ^2H and ^3He Targets

The absence of free neutron targets means that the neutron spin structure function g_1^n is usually obtained from polarized lepton scattering off either polarized deuterium or polarized ^3He targets. In the former case, since the deuteron has spin 1, the spins of the bound proton and neutron are predominantly aligned, with a small ($\approx 5\%$) probability (due to the nuclear tensor force) of finding the nucleons in a relative D -state with spins antialigned. In the case of a spin-1/2 ^3He nucleus, the protons pair off with opposite spins with $\approx 90\%$ probability, leaving the neutron to carry most of the polarization of the nucleus [118].

The extraction of the free neutron structure function g_1^n from either the g_1^d or $g_1^{^3\text{He}}$ data requires corrections to be made for the neutron depolarization, as well as for other nuclear effects such as nuclear binding and Fermi motion. These have been studied extensively in Refs. [119,120], and are found to be important mostly at large x . They have also been calculated recently for the structure functions in the resonance region, at low and intermediate values of Q^2 [121]. For the low moments of g_1^n the magnitude of the correction is relatively small, however.

The first experiment measuring the deuteron spin structure function g_1^d in the nucleon resonance region was the SLAC experiment E143 [107,108], utilizing a polarized ND_3 target.

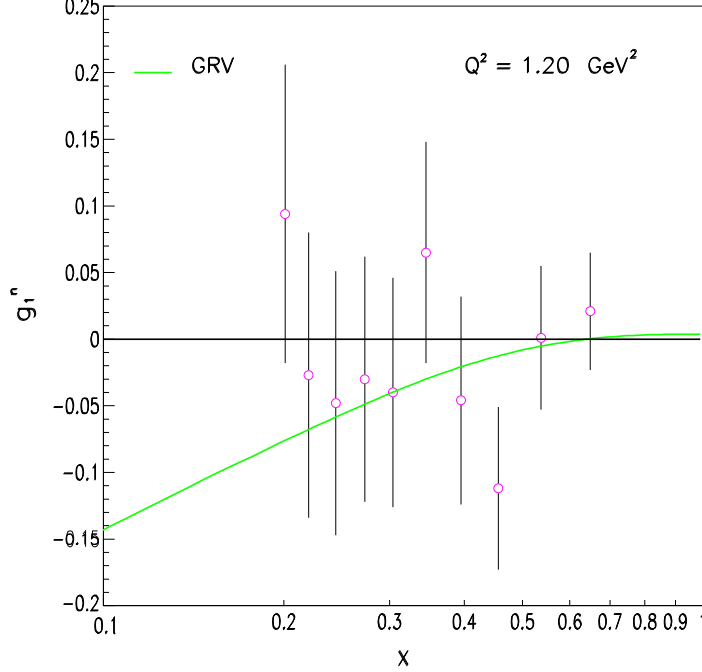


FIG. 34. Neutron g_1^n structure function data, as extracted from the difference of SLAC-E143 g_1^d and g_1^p data [107,108]. The open circles represent the nucleon resonance region data at $Q^2 \approx 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ (the three lowest- x data points are technically beyond the nucleon resonance region, at $4 < W^2 < 5 \text{ GeV}^2$). The curve is a global parameterization of the spin structure functions from Ref. [116].

As in the proton case, the $Q^2 \approx 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ data showed a clear negative contribution in the region of the $N - \Delta$ transition, and a positive contribution for $W^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$. The measured g_1^d structure function amounts to about half of the g_1^p structure function, leading to an almost null, but slightly negative, contribution of g_1^n . This is essentially the same behavior as that found in the DIS data at higher W and Q^2 . The overall strength (integrated over ξ) of g_1^n in the nucleon resonance region (*not* including the quasi-elastic contribution) amounts to about 60% of the corresponding deep inelastic strength at $Q^2 = 3.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ of the same experiment [108], or about 80% for the region $2 < W^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$, similar to that found for the proton.

The g_1^n structure function extracted from the difference of the SLAC-E143 g_1^d and g_1^p data, $g_1^n = 2g_1^d/(1 - 1.5\omega_D) - g_1^p$, with $\omega_D \approx 5\%$ the D -state probability, is shown in Fig. 34. Nuclear corrections other than the D -state probability are not included, as these are small compared to the statistical uncertainties of the experiment [119]. The g_1^n data in Fig. 34 are compared with the results from a global structure function parameterization at similar Q^2 [116]. Although the statistics in the g_1^n data are rather limited, some evidence for duality is visible, at a similar level as for the g_1^p data (at identical Q^2) in Fig 30. The g_1^n nucleon resonance region data are *negative* on average, so that quark-hadron duality appears to work both for positive-definite and negative-definite quantities.

The CLAS Collaboration at Jefferson Lab collected g_1^d data with significantly smaller statistical uncertainties than the SLAC-E143 experiment, and better resolution in W [122].

Unfortunately, the maximum average Q^2 in their data is currently limited to $\approx 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$, which precludes any conclusions on the onset of duality beyond what can be inferred from the SLAC data. The higher-precision CLAS data does show an unambiguously positive g_1^d for $W^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$, indicating that the helicity-1/2 transition amplitudes dominate even at rather low values of Q^2 ($Q^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$). They conclude that the onset of local duality is slower for polarized structure functions than for unpolarized, as only the highest $Q^2 = 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ data, beyond the Δ region, show fairly good agreement with a fit to DIS data at $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ [122]. For the unpolarized F_2^d structure function, local duality was observed to hold well already for $Q^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, from a similar comparison. Recently, the CLAS Collaboration extended the momentum transfer region of their data to $Q^2 \approx 5 \text{ GeV}^2$. The results of this analysis will be very valuable in determining the value of Q^2 for the onset of duality in g_1^d .

Similarly, an experiment in Hall A at Jefferson Lab has accumulated data to investigate the onset of local duality in polarized electron scattering from a polarized ^3He target [123]. The experiment measured the $g_1^{^3\text{He}}$ structure function over the full nucleon resonance region, up to $Q^2 \approx 5 \text{ GeV}^2$. As mentioned above, the polarized ^3He target acts to good approximation as a source of polarized neutrons, although nuclear corrections will become more important in the large- x region ($x \gtrsim 0.5$) covered by these data than for the case of the deuteron.

3. Sum Rules at Low and High Q^2

Sum rules involving the spin structure of the nucleon offer an important opportunity to study fundamental properties of QCD. A classic example is the Bjorken sum rule, which at high Q^2 relates the lowest moment of the isovector nucleon g_1 structure function to the nucleon axial charge g_A [124],

$$\Gamma_1^{p-n}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{6}g_A \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} + \dots \right). \quad (66)$$

Sum rules for the individual proton and neutron moments, Γ_1^p and Γ_1^n , can also be derived [125], assuming knowledge of the octet and singlet axial charges (see also Ref. [126].)

At the other extreme of real photon scattering, $Q^2 = 0$, there is another fundamental sum rule, derived independently by Gerasimov, and Drell and Hearn (GDH) [127]. The GDH sum rule relates the helicity-dependent total absorption cross section for circularly polarized photons on linearly polarized nucleons to the nucleon anomalous magnetic moment κ ,

$$I_{\text{GDH}} \equiv \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{\nu} (\sigma_{1/2}(\nu) - \sigma_{3/2}(\nu)) = -2\pi^2 \alpha \frac{\kappa^2}{M^2}, \quad (67)$$

where $\sigma_{1/2}$ and $\sigma_{3/2}$ are the total helicity-1/2 and 3/2 photoabsorption cross sections, α is the electromagnetic fine structure constant, and $\nu_0 = m_\pi(1 + m_\pi/2M)$ is the inelastic pion production threshold energy. This sum rule thus provides a fascinating link between the helicity-dependent dynamics at low and high energies, and static ground state properties of the nucleon. In terms of the g_1 structure function, the GDH sum rule can be equivalently written as

$$\int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{\nu^2} g_1(\nu, Q^2 = 0) = -\frac{\kappa^2}{2M} . \quad (68)$$

The derivation of the GDH sum rule follows from a general dispersion relation applied to forward Compton scattering, and the applicability of the low energy theorem (LET) and the no-subtraction hypothesis for the spin-flip part of the Compton scattering amplitude. The use of unsubtracted dispersion relations follows from causality, while the LET originates from gauge invariance and relativity. Because of the $1/\nu$ weight in the integral in Eq. (67), the GDH sum rule is mostly sensitive to the low-energy part of the photoabsorption cross section, in the region where baryon resonances dominate and single pion production is the main contribution. The generality of the assumptions in deriving the GDH sum rule have prompted a concerted experimental effort to test its validity directly.

From Eqs. (67) or (68) one observes that the right hand side of the GDH sum rule at $Q^2 = 0$ is negative. On the other hand, the corresponding integral at non-zero Q^2 ,

$$\int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{\nu^2} g_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{2M}{Q^2} \Gamma_1^{\text{inel}}(Q^2) , \quad (69)$$

is determined by the inelastic contribution to the moment $\Gamma_1(Q^2)$, which for the case of the proton is known to be positive. This illustrates a striking example of the workings of quark-hadron duality in spin structure functions: as one moves from the real photon point where duality is clearly violated, the integral (68) is forced to change sign and approach a positive value at large Q^2 . This is in contrast to the unpolarized proton F_2 structure function, for instance, where only the magnitude of the $n = 2$ moment changes, from ≈ 0.2 at intermediate Q^2 to unity (the proton charge) at $Q^2 = 0$.

The GDH sum rule can be formally generalized to virtual photons at finite Q^2 by defining [128–130]

$$I_{\text{GDH}}(Q^2) \equiv \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{\nu} (\sigma_{1/2}(\nu, Q^2) - \sigma_{3/2}(\nu, Q^2)) \quad (70)$$

$$= \frac{8\pi^2\alpha}{M^2} \int_0^{x_0} \frac{dx}{Kx} (g_1(x, Q^2) - \gamma^2 g_2(x, Q^2)) , \quad (71)$$

where $x_0 = Q^2/2M\nu_0$ is the value of x at the pion production threshold, $\gamma = Q^2/\nu^2$, and K is the virtual photon flux [130] (see Eq. (16) in Sec. II). In the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ the integral (70) reduces to the GDH sum rule, $I_{\text{GDH}}(Q^2) \rightarrow I_{\text{GDH}}$, while in the Bjorken limit it is given by the moment of $g_1(x)$,

$$I_{\text{GDH}}(Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{16\pi^2\alpha}{Q^2} \Gamma_1(Q^2) \equiv I(Q^2). \quad (72)$$

At finite but non-zero Q^2 the integral $I_{\text{GDH}}(Q^2)$ therefore interpolates between the two limits, allowing one to study the evolution of the sum rule from large distances, where effects of confinement are dominant, towards short distances, where a partonic description is possible through asymptotic freedom. The generalized GDH sum rule is hence ideal for the study of quark-hadron duality.

A similar phenomenon also occurs in the lowest moment of the unpolarized F_2 structure function, which interpolates between the nucleon's electric charge at $Q^2 = 0$ (Coulomb sum rule) and the momentum sum rule at asymptotic values of Q^2 . The only difference is that the spin-dependent sum rules result from interference effects, and as such may lead to a deeper understanding of the transition from confinement to asymptotic freedom.

Before proceeding with the experimental results on the generalized GDH integral $I_{\text{GDH}}(Q^2)$, we note that while the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ and $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ limits are well defined, there are two avenues for exploring the transition at intermediate Q^2 . From its definition in Eq. (67), the integral I_{GDH} for real photons includes only inelastic contributions, whereas the deep inelastic integral is formally defined as a sum over all possible final states, including the elastic. The latter is zero at asymptotically large Q^2 , but can be significant at $Q^2 \lesssim 1\text{--}2 \text{ GeV}^2$. In constructing the generalized GDH integral, one can therefore either add the elastic to the GDH sum at $Q^2 = 0$ and match to the total DIS moment at high Q^2 , or subtract the elastic component from the DIS integral and evolve the inelastic integral to low Q^2 . For higher-twist analyses (see Sec. V A 2 below), which rely on the formal operator product expansion, the former choice must be made. On the other hand, the evolution of the integral is more dramatically illustrated by considering the elastic-subtracted sum rule. The choice is in principle arbitrary, but it is important to ensure that like quantities are being compared.

The GDH sum rule for real photons has been studied for photon energies up to 2.5 GeV [131]. The current experimental result deviates from the theoretical prediction by about 10%, although higher photon energy data are required for a more definitive conclusion. The Bjorken sum rule has been verified at the 5% level for $Q^2 \gtrsim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$. In the remainder of this section we will focus on experimental results on the integral $I_{\text{GDH}}(Q^2)$ at low and intermediate values of Q^2 ($Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$), which is most relevant for the study of quark-hadron duality.

As discussed above, measurements on polarized proton targets have been performed at SLAC by the E143 Collaboration [107,108], at DESY by the HERMES Collaboration [132], and at Jefferson Lab by the CLAS Collaboration [115]. To construct the integral Γ_1^p , parameterizations were used to extrapolate beyond the experimentally accessible regions of x , to $x = 0$ and $x = 1$. The results for the elastic-subtracted Γ_1^p integral from the CLAS and SLAC E143 experiments are shown in Fig. 35 for $Q^2 < 1.4 \text{ GeV}^2$.

The most characteristic feature of $\Gamma_1^p(Q^2)$ is the strong Q^2 dependence for $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, with a zero crossing near $Q^2 \approx 0.2\text{--}0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$. The zero crossing is due largely to an interplay between the excitation strengths of the Δ and $S_{11}(1535)$ resonances, and the rapid change in the helicity structure of the $D_{13}(1520)$ from helicity-3/2 dominance at the real photon point to helicity-1/2 dominance at $Q^2 > 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ [115]. The dramatic evolution of $\Gamma_1^p(Q^2)$ is therefore due to the intrinsic sensitivity of the spin-dependent structure functions to the interference between various resonant and nonresonant transition states, whereas the spin-averaged structure functions are sensitive to the square of their sum. In addition, in the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ one enhances the effect of the spin-3/2 ground state, the $\Delta(1232)$. In the nonrelativistic SU(6) quark model this effect would be even more spectacular, as will be discussed in Sec. V C 2 below.

The data in Fig. 35 slightly underestimate the perturbative QCD curve evolved down to $Q^2 \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. This deviation can be mostly attributed to the negative contribution of the

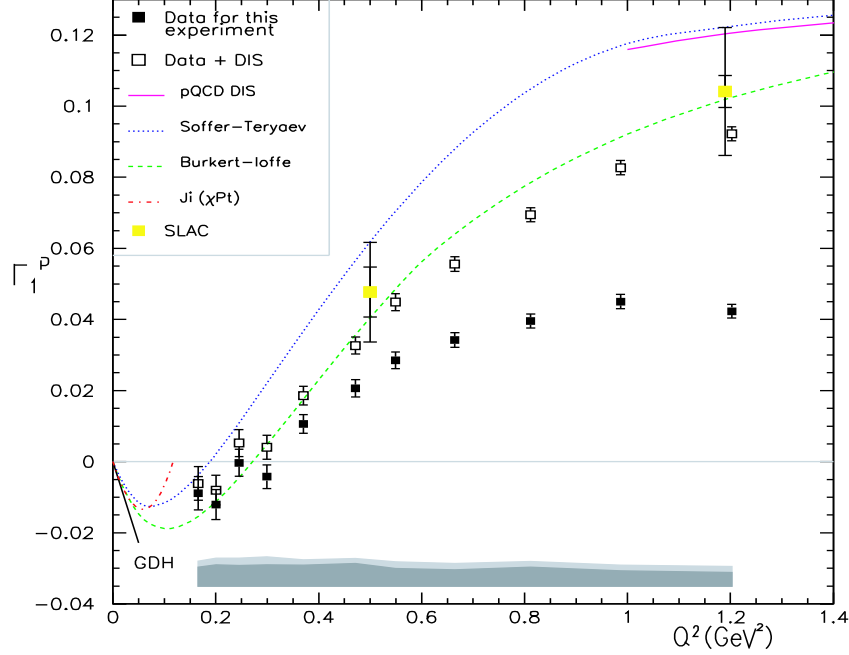


FIG. 35. Inelastic contribution to the moment Γ_1^p of the proton g_1 structure function as a function of Q^2 . The filled squares correspond to the measured values from CLAS [115], while the open squares include in addition contributions from the unmeasured low- x region. The light shaded squares are from the SLAC E143 experiment [108]. The various curves are explained in the text.

Δ resonance, which is still sizable even at $Q^2 \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. The data are well described by the model of Burkert and Ioffe [133], which includes resonance excitations and connects to the deep inelastic region assuming vector meson dominance. The description in the model of Soffer and Teryaev [134], without explicit nucleon resonance contributions, is not as good. In this model, the low- Q^2 behavior of g_1 is governed by the Q^2 dependence of a linear combination of the electric and magnetic form factors. Heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory has been proposed as a tool to describe the evolution of the GDH sum rule to small non-zero values of Q^2 ($Q^2 \lesssim 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$), although the existing calculations [135] (labeled “ χPt ” in Fig. 35) are still at too low Q^2 to compare with the data shown.

To extract information on the neutron’s first moment, Γ_1^n , experiments have been performed using both polarized deuterium and ^3He targets at SLAC [107,108], at DESY [132], and at Jefferson Lab [122,136], as discussed in the previous section. We will focus only on the results of the ^3He experiments, as they have the largest overlap with our region of interest. After correcting for nuclear effects and accounting for the unmeasured low- x part, the elastic-subtracted moment $\Gamma_1^n(Q^2)$ is shown in Fig. 36. Again, the model of Ref. [133] including resonance contributions and assuming a vector meson dominance inspired connection with the perturbative region describes the data fairly well. Also, as mentioned in Sec. IV C 2 above, Γ_1^n remains negative from high Q^2 down to low Q^2 , highlighting the fact that quark-hadron duality works well even for quantities which are not positive-definite.

Finally, using the results for the proton and neutron, the Q^2 dependence of the (elastic-subtracted) Bjorken integral is displayed in Fig. 37. Here, the contributions from isospin-3/2

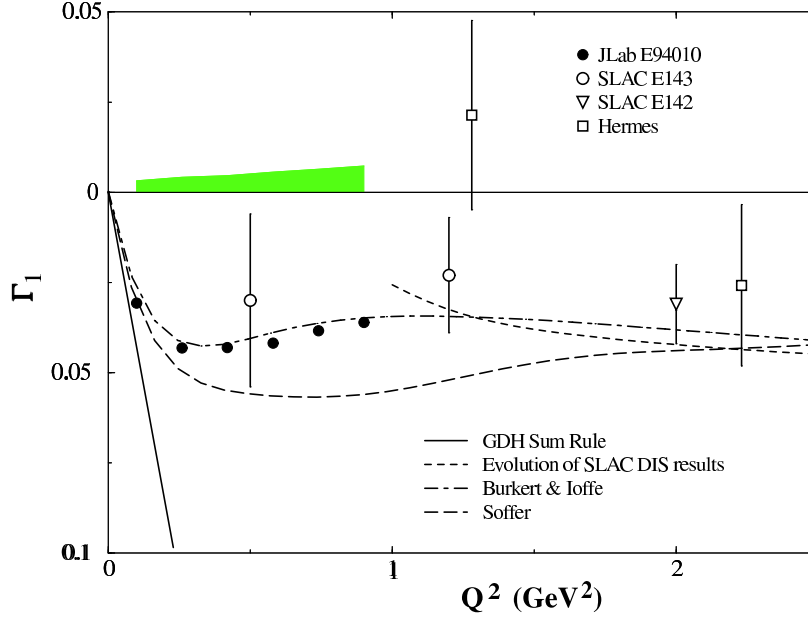


FIG. 36. Inelastic contribution to the moment Γ_1^n of the neutron g_1 structure function as a function of Q^2 . The solid circles are from the Jefferson Lab Hall A experiment E94-010 [136], with the band indicating the size of the systematic uncertainties. The open symbols are from SLAC and HERMES experiments. The curves are as in Fig. 35 and described in the text.

resonances, such as the $\Delta(1232)$, cancel out exactly, thereby removing the zero crossing from the isovector integral. Since the results on the proton and on the neutron (from ^3He) were obtained at somewhat different Q^2 values, a smooth interpolation was used to evolve to common Q^2 values. The results for the proton–neutron difference are at the centroid of the shaded band in Fig. 37. As expected from the comparison with the separate Γ_1^p and Γ_1^n moments, the model of Ref. [133] also provides a good description of the difference $\Gamma_1^p - \Gamma_1^n$.

It is perhaps not very surprising that this sum rule smoothly joins to the perturbative expectation already at $Q^2 \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. We have seen before that duality violations appear strong for the region where the well-isolated ground states of the spin-1/2 (elastic) and spin-3/2 (Δ) are prominent (see *e.g.*, Figs. 19, 20, and 33). With the removal of the elastic contribution, the cancellation of the isospin-3/2 resonances, and the partial cancellation of contributions from other resonances at low Q^2 , the transition from a confinement-based hadronic world to an asymptotically free quark-gluon world may appear fairly smooth down to low Q^2 .

4. The g_2 Structure Function

The structure function g_1 can be understood within the quark-parton model in terms of spin-dependent quark distributions (see Eq. (41) of Sec. II). The interpretation of the structure function g_2 , on the other hand, is less straightforward. In the language of the operator product (or twist) expansion in QCD (see Sec. V A below), the g_2 structure function receives

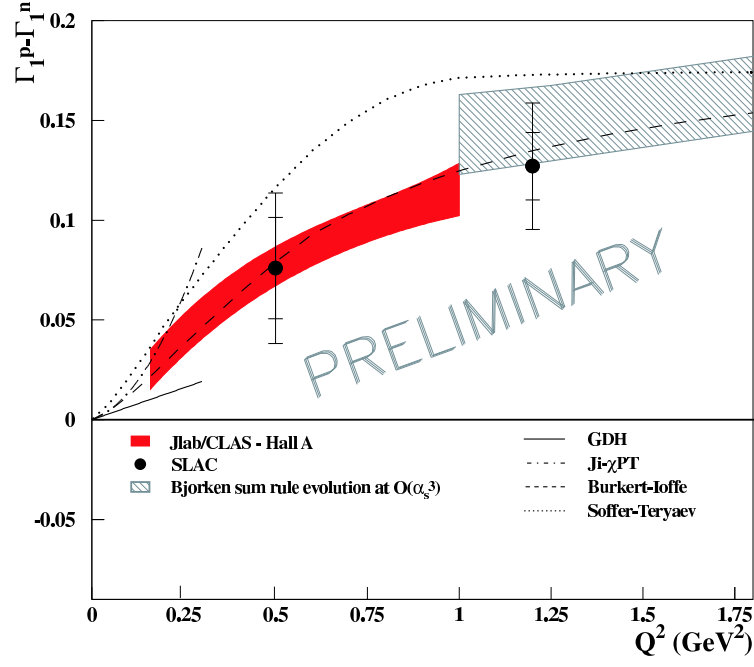


FIG. 37. Difference of the proton and neutron moments of the g_1 structure function, including only inelastic contributions. The shaded band below $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ parameterizes the results derived from Refs. [66] and [137]. The light-shaded band above $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ corresponds to the perturbative evolution of the Bjorken integral from large Q^2 including $O(\alpha_s^3)$ corrections. The curves are as in Fig. 35 and described in the text.

contributions from a scaling (or “leading twist”) part, derived by Wandzura & Wilczek [138] and denoted by g_2^{WW} , a component which arises from transverse quark polarization (which is proportional to the quark mass m_q , and usually neglected), and a “higher-twist” contribution associated with nonperturbative quark-gluon interactions. Since the parton model includes neither transverse momentum nor quark-gluon interactions, there is no direct interpretation of g_2 within this framework.

For studies of quark-hadron duality, g_2 is of particular interest specifically because, unlike for the other structure functions, the effects of quark-gluon correlations are not suppressed by powers of $1/Q^2$, but enter at the same order as the leading-twist terms. One could argue, therefore, that measurement of g_2 provides one of the most direct windows on duality and its violation. We will present in this section data on g_2^p and g_2^n , in anticipation of an analysis in terms of higher-twist matrix elements in Sec. V A 2 below.

An important sum rule involving the g_2 structure function is the Burkhardt-Cottingham (BC) sum rule [139],

$$\Gamma_2(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \, g_2(x, Q^2) = 0, \quad (73)$$

which follows from a dispersion relation for the forward spin-flip Compton amplitude, and is expected to be valid at *all* Q^2 . Its validity assumes the absence of singularities at low x , similar to the assumption made in the derivation of the GDH sum rule. A comprehensive discussion of the BC sum rule and what it tests can be found in Ref. [140]. The BC sum rule is of interest from the point of view of quark-hadron duality, as various elastic, resonance, and deep inelastic contributions *must* cancel for the sum rule to hold.

The SLAC E155 Collaboration has made the most precise measurements of the proton and deuteron g_2 structure functions, over a large range in x and Q^2 in the deep inelastic ($W^2 \geq 3 \text{ GeV}^2$) region [141]. Figure 38 shows the Q^2 -averaged proton and deuteron xg_2 structure functions, with Q^2 ranging from 0.8 GeV^2 (at low x) to 8.4 GeV^2 (at high x). The combined data for the proton disagree with the leading-twist g_2^{WW} prediction, whereas the data for the deuteron agree. The latter indicates that the nonperturbative quark-gluon correlations are small for the deuteron. The derived BC sum rule is found to be violated at the level of three standard deviations for the proton, and found to hold within uncertainties for the deuteron. This can be most readily explained by assuming more g_2 strength for the proton from the unmeasured $x < 0.02$ region than for the deuteron.

The E94-010 Collaboration in Hall A at Jefferson Lab recently measured [148] the g_2 structure function of the neutron using a polarized ^3He target. Excitation energies covered the resonance region and part of the deep inelastic region, for $0.1 < Q^2 < 0.9 \text{ GeV}^2$. Figure 39 shows the extracted Γ_2 for the neutron, in the measured region (filled circles), after adding also the elastic component (open circles), and after adding an estimated contribution from the unmeasured deep inelastic region assuming g_2 is given there by g_2^{WW} (open diamonds). To extract neutron information from the ^3He data, nuclear corrections were performed as described in Ref. [120]. The resonance contribution calculated in the MAID model [130] (solid line) agrees well with the measured resonance data.

The interplay between strength in the resonance region and the elastic contribution is striking. The two contributions nearly cancel, such that the BC sum rule is verified, within uncertainties, over the Q^2 range measured, for the limited x range of this experiment. This

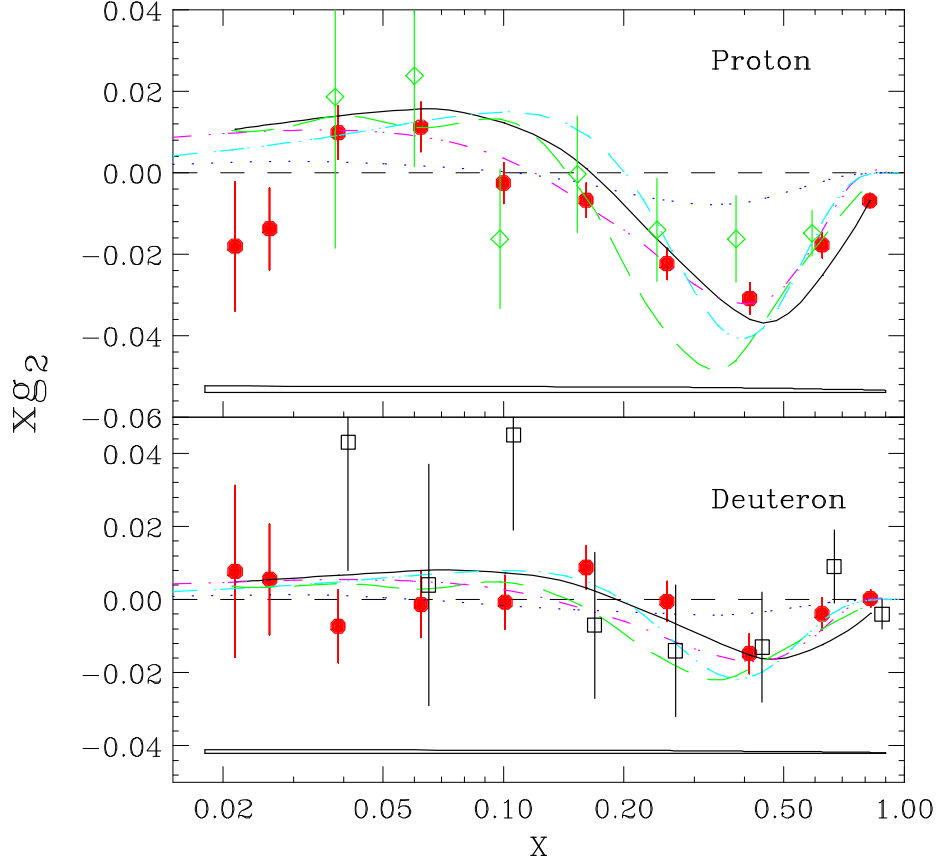


FIG. 38. The structure function xg_2 from SLAC experiments E155 (filled circles) [141], E143 (open diamonds) [142], and E155 (open squares) [143]. The errors are statistical; the systematic errors are shown as bands at the bottom of each panel. The curves are the leading-twist Wandzura-Wilczek contribution [138] (solid), the bag model calculations of Stratmann [144] (dot-dashed) and Song [145] (dotted), and the chiral soliton models of Weigel & Gamberg [146] (short-dashed) and Wakamatsu [147] (long-dashed). (From Ref. [141].)

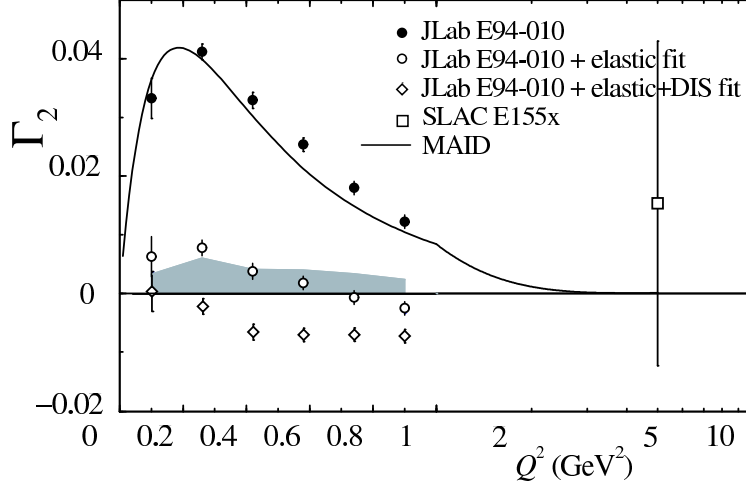


FIG. 39. Contributions to the moment Γ_2^n of the neutron g_2^n structure function from the resonance region from JLab experiment E94-010 [148] (filled circles) along with the world data from deep inelastic scattering [141] (open square), and the resonance contribution evaluated using MAID [130] (solid line). The open circles include the elastic contribution, whereas the open diamonds include both the elastic and an estimate of the unmeasured deep inelastic contributions. The light grey band corresponds to the total systematic error, including uncertainties in the nuclear corrections. (Adapted from Ref. [148].)

result appears at odds, however, with the violation of the BC sum rule on the proton reported at high Q^2 in Ref. [141]. On the other hand, the BC sum rule result extracted for the neutron at high Q^2 ($\approx 5 \text{ GeV}^2$) [141] is consistent within the large error bar. The difference between the behavior of the proton and neutron g_2 data is indeed intriguing. In passing, we note that quark-hadron duality in the g_1 structure function, as we saw in Secs. IV C 1 and IV C 2, also seemed to be more readily obeyed for the neutron than for the proton. We can only look forward to future high-precision data providing a definitive resolution of the BC sum rule's validity.

D. Scaling in Electro-Pion Production

Scaling is a well established phenomenon in inclusive deep inelastic scattering. The cross section is proportional to structure functions that depend only on the scaling variable x , up to calculable logarithmic Q^2 corrections [60]. Both the observation of scaling and subsequently the (logarithmic) scaling violations in the measured structure functions played a crucial role in establishing QCD as the accepted theory of strong interactions, and in mapping out the distributions of the constituents of protons and neutrons.

The observation of duality between the various inclusive structure functions measured in the resonance region and those in the deep inelastic limit further indicates that the single quark scattering process is decisive in setting the scale of the reaction, even in the region dominated by nucleon resonances. Apparently, the role of final state interactions required to form the resonances becomes almost insignificant when averaged over the resonances.

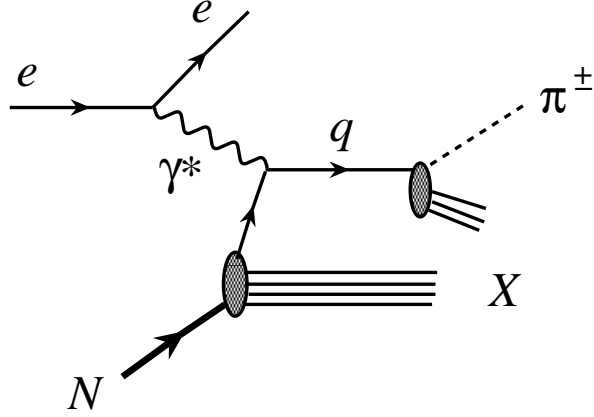


FIG. 40. A representation of semi-inclusive electroproduction of π^\pm mesons from nucleons. The produced π^\pm is detected in coincidence with the scattered electron, and X denotes the remaining inclusive hadronic final state.

Given this situation it seems worthwhile to examine other electron scattering processes that are closely related to deep inelastic scattering, but where scaling and scaling violations are not as well established. The prime example of such a process is semi-inclusive deep inelastic electroproduction of mesons m from nucleons,

$$e N \rightarrow e' m X , \quad (74)$$

where the meson is detected in coincidence with the scattered electron. In this section we examine inclusive pion ($m = \pi^\pm$) electroproduction, as illustrated in Fig. 40, paying special attention to both the onset of scaling and the appearance of quark-hadron duality. While the phenomenon of duality in inclusive scattering is now well established, only preliminary experimental studies of duality exist in semi-inclusive scattering and quantitative tests are only just beginning.

The outgoing pion is characterized by the elasticity, z , defined in terms of the target nucleon (p), virtual photon (q), and pion (p_π) momentum four vectors, $z = p \cdot p_\pi / p \cdot q$. In the target rest (or laboratory) frame this becomes the fraction of the virtual photon's energy taken away by the pion, $z = E_\pi / \nu$. In the elastic limit the pion carries away all of the photon's energy, in which case $z = 1$. Here we will consider processes where the electroproduced pion carries away a large fraction, but not all, of the exchanged virtual photon's energy.

The invariant mass W' of the undetected hadronic system is reconstructed from the momenta of the target nucleon, photon and produced pion, $W'^2 = (p + q - p_\pi)^2$. Neglecting the mass of the pion with respect to Q^2 [149], one finds

$$W'^2 = W^2 - 2z\nu(M + \nu - |\vec{q}| \cos \theta_{q\pi}) , \quad (75)$$

where $\theta_{q\pi}$ is the angle between the virtual photon momentum \vec{q} and the outgoing pion momentum \vec{p}_π in the laboratory frame. As in the inclusive scattering case, the square of the total invariant hadronic mass is given by $W^2 = M^2 + Q^2(1/x - 1)$. If the outgoing pion is

further limited to be collinear with the virtual photon (*i.e.*, parallel kinematics, $\theta_{q\pi} = 0$), and if $Q^2/\nu^2 \ll 1$, the invariant mass W' can be expressed in terms of z , x and Q^2 as

$$W'^2 \approx M^2 + Q^2(1 - z) \left(\frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) . \quad (76)$$

The mass W' can play a role analogous to W for duality in inclusive scattering [149]. In the limit of large z , W' will span masses in the nucleon resonance region, which we define to be the same as that in the inclusive scattering case, $W'^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$. Before proceeding with the discussion of the results of early investigations of quark-hadron duality in pion electroproduction, we shall first define what one means by the scaling region for such a reaction.

As implied by Fig. 40, at high energies one expects from perturbative QCD that there will be factorization between the virtual photon-quark interaction and the subsequent quark hadronization into pions. At lowest order in α_s , the detected pion yield \mathcal{N}^{π^\pm} then factorizes into quark distribution functions $q(x, Q^2)$ and fragmentation functions $D_{q \rightarrow \pi^\pm}(z, Q^2)$,

$$\mathcal{N}^{\pi^\pm}(x, z, Q^2) \propto \sum_q e_q^2 \left[q(x, Q^2) D_{q \rightarrow \pi^\pm}(z, Q^2) + \bar{q}(x, Q^2) D_{\bar{q} \rightarrow \pi^\pm}(z, Q^2) \right] , \quad (77)$$

where $D_{q \rightarrow \pi^\pm}(z, Q^2)$ gives the probability that a quark of flavor q hadronizes to a pion carrying a fraction z of the quark (or photon) energy. (At higher orders one also has gluon fragmentation functions, but we shall neglect these for the purposes of this discussion.) A consequence of this factorization is that the fragmentation function is independent of x , and the quark distribution function is independent of z . Both the quark distribution and fragmentation functions, however, depend on Q^2 through perturbative Q^2 evolution [150].

The fragmentation functions parameterize how a quark involved in a high-energy scattering reaction evolves into the detected pion. Initial investigations of the hadronization process were made in electron-positron annihilation and in deep inelastic scattering. In the latter case, high energies were used to separate the pions produced by the struck quark (termed “current fragmentation”) from pions originating from the spectator quark system (“target fragmentation”) using large intervals in rapidity, η . Rapidity is defined in terms of the produced pion energy and the longitudinal component of the momentum (along the \vec{q} direction),

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E_\pi - p_\pi^z}{E_\pi + p_\pi^z} \right) . \quad (78)$$

Earlier data from CERN [151,152] suggest that a difference in rapidities, $\Delta\eta$, between pions produced in the current and target fragmentation regions (“rapidity gap”) of $\Delta\eta \approx 2$ is needed to kinematically separate the two regions.

At lower energies, it is not obvious that the pion electroproduction process factorizes in the same manner as in Eq. (77). We shall return to this later in Sec. VD, but for the moment will simply assume that factorization holds *if* one can reach a region where kinematical separation between current and target fragmentation is possible, *and* one is in the DIS region, $W'^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$.

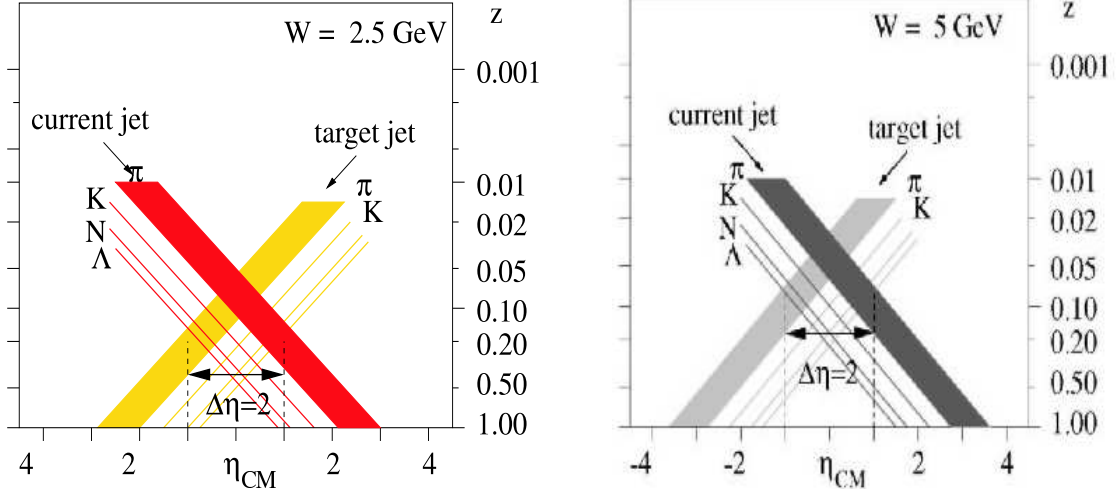


FIG. 41. Relation between elasticity z and center of mass rapidity η_{CM} in semi-inclusive electroproduction of various hadrons for $W = 2.5$ GeV (left panel) and $W = 5$ GeV (right panel). (Adapted from Ref. [153].)

It has been argued that such kinematic separation is possible, even at low W^2 , if one considers only electroproduced pions with large elasticity z , *i.e.*, with energies close to the maximum energy transfer [152,153]. Figure 41 shows a plot of rapidity versus z for $W = 2.5$ GeV (left panel) and 5 GeV (right panel). At $W = 2.5$ GeV, a rapidity gap of $\Delta\eta \geq 2$ would be obtained with $z > 0.4$ for pion electroproduction. For larger W , such a rapidity gap could already be attained at a lower value of z . Hence, one would anticipate a reasonable separation between the current and target fragmentation processes for $z > 0.4$ and $z > 0.2$ at $W = 2.5$ and 5 GeV, respectively.

In the annihilation process $e^+e^- \rightarrow hX$ [154,155] one finds that the data beyond $z \approx 0.5$ at $W = 3$ GeV ($W' = 1.94$ GeV) could be described in terms of fragmentation functions. The region extends to $z \geq 0.2$ for $W = 4.8$ GeV ($W' = 2.84$ GeV) and to $z \geq 0.1$ for $W = 7.4$ GeV ($W' = 4.14$ GeV). For $z > 0.3$, fragmentation functions have also been obtained from data [156] on $ep \rightarrow e'\pi^\pm X$ at an incident energy $E = 11.5$ GeV, with $3 < W < 4$ GeV. All of these data are beyond the nucleon resonance region as defined above.

At lower energies, a series of measurements of semi-inclusive pion electroproduction was carried out at Cornell, with both hydrogen and deuterium targets [157–159], covering a region in Q^2 between 1 and 4 GeV², and in ν between 2.5 and 6 GeV. The data from these experiments were analyzed in terms of an invariant structure function (analogous to $\mathcal{N}^{\pi^\pm}(x, z)$ in Eq. (77)), written in terms of the sum of products of parton distribution and fragmentation functions. The authors conclude that within their region of kinematics this invariant structure function shows no Q^2 dependence, and a weak W^2 dependence. This is particularly striking if one realizes that the kinematics in these experiments covered a region in W^2 between 4 and 10 GeV², and in z between 0.1 and 1. In fact, for a portion of the kinematics one is in the region $M^2 < W'^2 < 4$ GeV², right within the nucleon resonance region. Nonetheless, the data were surprisingly found to exhibit scaling [160].

Up to now we have neglected the dependence of measured pion yields, as in Eq. (77), on the pion transverse momentum, p_T . At high energies the dependence on p_T is approximately

given by $\exp(-bp_T^2)$, where b reflects the average transverse momentum of the struck quark. At lower energies, the measured p_T dependence will reflect the decay angular distributions of the electroproduced resonances in regions where these resonances dominate. One would expect therefore the p_T dependence to vary at low W' . We will come back to this in Sec. V D. In the Cornell data at relatively low W' , however, the dependence of the measured cross sections on p_T (which was only low, < 0.5 GeV, in these data) was found to be, within the experimental uncertainties, independent of kinematics [160].

Empirical evidence of factorization (independence of the x and z distributions) in pion electroproduction at even lower energies is apparent in the results of several test runs made in Hall C at Jefferson Lab [161]. The data included measurements of semi-inclusive pion electroproduction on ^1H and ^2H targets at relatively low energy, $\nu = 3.9$ GeV, with $W^2 = 5.9$ GeV², and $Q^2 = 2.4$ GeV². Under the assumptions of factorization, as in Eq. (77), charge conjugation invariance, isospin symmetry, and neglecting nuclear corrections, the use of charged pion yields on both targets allows for the extraction of the ratio of valence d to u quark distributions in the proton, d_v/u_v .

The single Jefferson Lab point is plotted in Fig. 42 together with a collection of data from deep inelastic neutrino measurements at CERN and Fermilab at energies of several hundred GeV [81]. As the data were obtained at an elasticity $z > 0.5$, it may not be surprising that reasonable agreement is found at these vastly different kinematics, even though the W' of the Jefferson Lab data is in the nucleon resonance region, $2.0 < W'^2 < 3.3$ GeV². In the kinematics plot of Fig. 41 (left panel), one would anticipate factorization to work reasonably well for $z > 0.5$, whereas the experimental data show hardly any resonance structure at $W'^2 > 2$ GeV², as for the Cornell data [157–159] described above. Duality may follow simply from the fact that one cannot clearly distinguish the resonance and scaling regions, and from the existence of such low-energy factorization [102,162].

It is important to stress that the existence of quark-hadron duality does not imply that the reaction can be described by perturbative QCD alone. As in the inclusive DIS case, where parton distribution functions parameterize the soft, nonperturbative nucleon structure, so too in semi-inclusive meson electroproduction one parameterizes the soft hadronization process in terms of fragmentation functions. In the exclusive limit, if the total center of mass energy W is much larger than W' (ensuring the large rapidity gap), and the momentum transfer is sufficiently large so that the electroproduced pion does not reinteract with the target, then there is a one-to-one correspondence [162,163] between the semi-inclusive process under investigation and ordinary deep inelastic scattering.

The close analogy with DIS suggests that semi-inclusive processes may also exhibit quark-hadron duality [149,164–166]. It has been argued [162,163] that for $W' = M$, the fully exclusive limit, quark-hadron duality predicts the energy dependence observed in the $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ and $\gamma p \rightarrow \gamma p$ (Compton scattering) data, but that the absolute normalization is off by one to two orders of magnitude (see Sec. V E 4 below). This may indicate that although the elementary single quark scattering process also dominates the low-energy semi-inclusive reaction, even in the nucleon resonance region, the assumption of no final state interactions with the target is not yet valid. Hence, both scaling and factorization should rather be viewed as *precocious*.

Recently there have been several experimental investigations of factorization in semi-inclusive pion electroproduction in the DIS region. The HERMES Collaboration tested

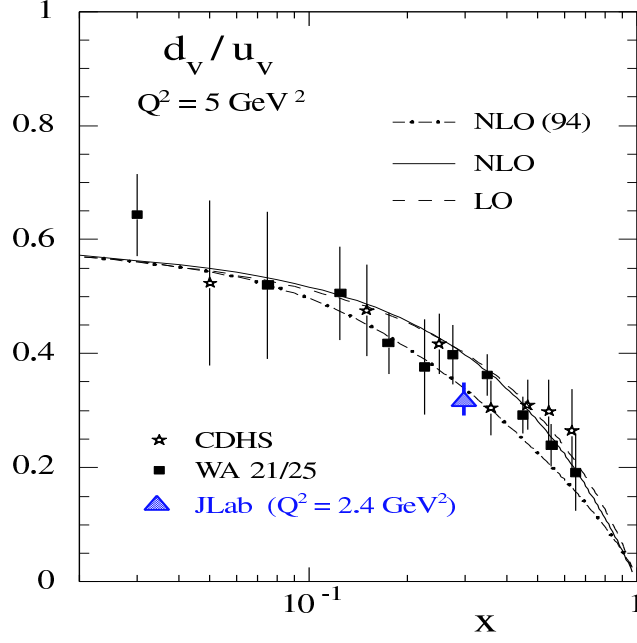


FIG. 42. The ratio d_v/u_v from several high-energy experiments (CDHS at Fermilab and WA 21/25 at CERN), together with a single point (triangle) extracted from a low-energy measurement at Jefferson Lab [161]. The curves represent various global fits to the data. (Adapted from Ref. [81].)

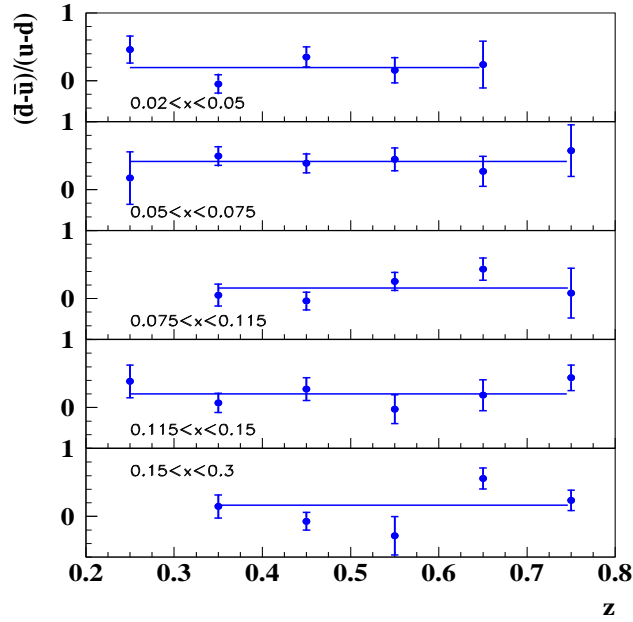


FIG. 43. The distribution $(\bar{d} - \bar{u})/(u - d)$ as a function of z in five x bins, from the HERMES Collaboration [167]. The points are fitted to a constant for each x bin. The error bars represent statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature.

factorization for the light sea quark distributions \bar{d} and \bar{u} , extracted from semi-inclusive pion electroproduction data on proton and deuteron targets, over the range $13 < \nu < 19$ GeV and $21 < W^2 < 35$ GeV², with an average $Q^2 = 2.3$ GeV². The results were obtained in a region where the requirement of a rapidity gap of $\Delta\eta \geq 2$ was only valid for $z > 0.2$. Within limited statistics, the data on the ratio $(\bar{d} - \bar{u})/(u - d)$ were found to be consistent with the factorization assumption. The results are shown in Fig. 43, as a function of z , for five bins in x . The values of $(\bar{d} - \bar{u})/(u - d)$, averaged over z , can be recast in the form of the absolute difference $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$ assuming a particular parametrization of the u and d distribution functions.

An alternate method of measuring the flavor asymmetry $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$ is via the Drell-Yan reaction on protons and deuterons, $pp(d) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-X$, which is directly sensitive to the ratio \bar{u}/\bar{d} . The Fermilab E866 Collaboration measured \bar{u}/\bar{d} at an average $Q^2 = 54$ GeV² [168], and using the CTEQ4M [169] parameterization of $\bar{u} + \bar{d}$, converted the ratio into the difference $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$. Despite a factor of ~ 20 difference in Q^2 between the two experiments, and the different experimental technique, the data were found to be in remarkable agreement. This suggests that the factorization assumption may be valid at energies accessible at HERMES.

Finally, some preliminary results have just become available from the E00-108 experiment, recently performed in Hall C at Jefferson Lab to explicitly study duality in pion electroproduction [161]. A 5.5 GeV electron beam was used to study pion electroproduction off proton and deuteron targets for Q^2 between 1.8 and 6.0 GeV², for $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.55$, and with z in the range 0.35–1.

The preliminary results for the ratio of π^+ to π^- cross sections for both proton and deuteron targets are shown in Fig. 44 as a function of W' (upper panel) and z (lower panel) at $x = 0.32$. At the present stage of analysis the π^\pm cross sections are known to 20%, although the final analysis will render results to better than 5% accuracy. Due to the choice of kinematics in this experiment, $z > 0.7$ directly corresponds to $W' < 1.6$ GeV since Q^2 and x are kept nearly constant.

The behavior in the π^+/π^- ratio for the proton spectrum around $z = 0.85$ simply corresponds to the behavior of this ratio in the Δ region (see Sec. VD). Indeed, if one considers the $^1\text{H}(e, e'\pi^-)X$ spectrum as a function of missing mass of the residual system X , one only sees one prominent resonance around the mass of the Δ . Apparently, above $W' = 1.6$ GeV there are already sufficient resonances in the missing mass spectra of $^1\text{H}(e, e'\pi^\pm)X$ that the π^+/π^- ratio does not show obvious resonance structure and is nearly flat as a function of W' (or, equivalently, z). The π^+/π^- ratio off deuterium shows a slightly steeper rise with decreasing W' in this region.

Using the deuterium data only, we can extract the ratio of unfavored to favored fragmentation functions D^-/D^+ . Here the favored fragmentation function (D^+) corresponds to a pion which contains the struck quark (*e.g.*, a π^+ after a u or \bar{d} quark is struck), while the unfavored fragmentation function (D^-) describes the fragmentation of a quark not contained in the valence structure of the pion (*e.g.* a d quark for the π^+). This ratio is, to a good approximation, simply given by $D^-/D^+ = (4 - \mathcal{N}^{\pi^+}/\mathcal{N}^{\pi^-})/(4\mathcal{N}^{\pi^+}/\mathcal{N}^{\pi^-} - 1)$. The preliminary results are shown in Fig. 45 in comparison with data from the HERMES experiment [170].

The first observation to draw is that the D^-/D^+ ratio extracted from the JLab data shows a smooth slope as a function of z . This simply reflects the smooth rise in the π^+/π^-

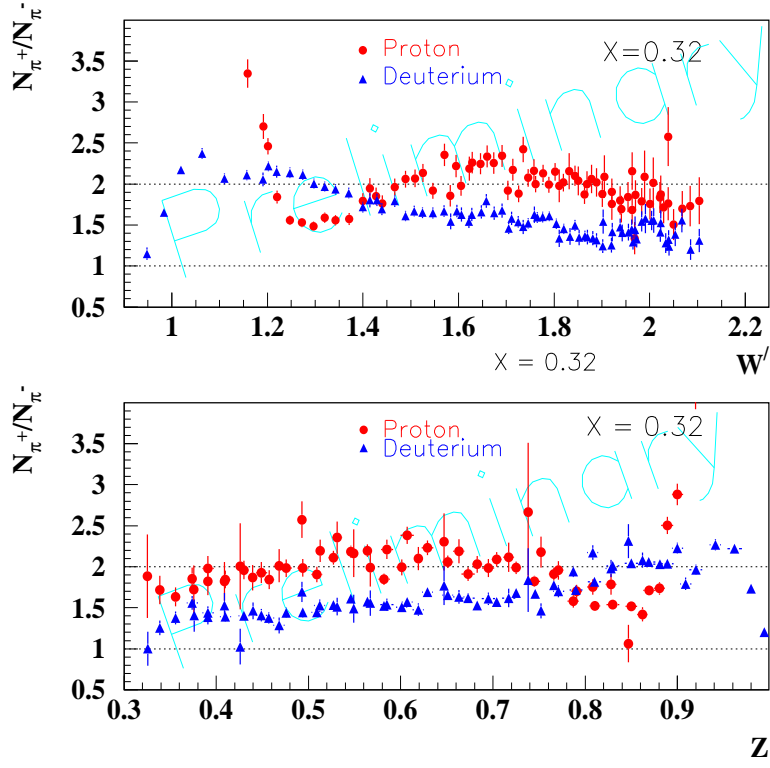


FIG. 44. The ratio of π^+ to π^- yields off proton and deuteron targets as a function of W' (upper panel) and z (lower panel), at $x = 0.32$.

ratio off deuteron seen in Fig. 44. This is quite remarkable given that the data cover the full resonance region, $0.88 < W'^2 < 4.2 \text{ GeV}^2$. Apparently, there is some mechanism at work that removes the resonance excitations in the π^+/π^- ratio, and hence the D^-/D^+ ratio. We will discuss a possible mechanism in Sec. VD, but here will simply mention that this behavior is consistent with the expectations of an onset of duality. The second observation is that the behavior as a function of z of D^-/D^+ measured by E00-108 in the nucleon resonance region closely resembles the behavior seen in the HERMES experiment [170]. The D^-/D^+ ratio measured by E00-108 seems slightly larger than the HERMES ratio, however, it is premature to draw a final conclusion from this in view of the preliminary state of the E00-108 analysis.

It would be interesting to experimentally verify the p_T dependence of the constructed D^-/D^+ ratio. We argued earlier that the p_T dependence of pion yields at low W' is expected to reflect the decay angular distributions of the electroproduced resonances. If duality is valid, however, the p_T dependence of the D^-/D^+ ratio shown in Fig. 44 should be similar to the dependence found at higher energies, even though the ratio was constructed from pion yields solely in the resonance region.

In summary, there exist strong hints in electro-pion production data that quark-hadron duality extends to semi-inclusive scattering. To convert these hints into conclusive evidence requires a next series of precision semi-inclusive experiments encompassing both the nucleon

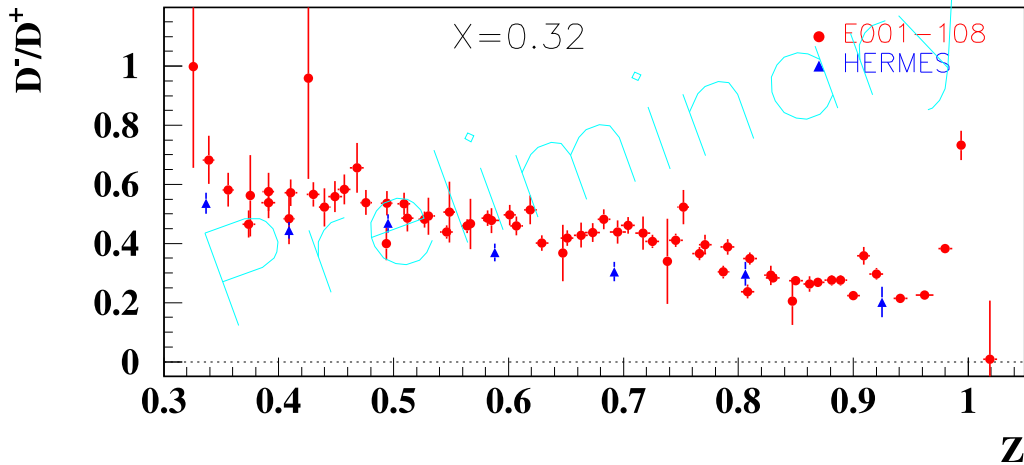


FIG. 45. The ratio of unfavored to favored fragmentation function D^-/D^+ (at $z = 0.55$) as a function of x , using only deuterium data.

resonance and deep inelastic regions. Among the first of them is the E00-108 experiment at JLab which is currently being analyzed. It has been argued that the existence of quark-hadron duality in electro-pion production may be linked to low-energy factorization: the empirical observation of the independence of x and z distributions when selecting a pion that carries most of the energy transfer. The data shown are in agreement with this postulate.

If the existence of quark-hadron duality in electro-pion production and the applicability of factorization at lower energy are indeed established experimentally [161], the spin and flavor dependence of duality can be investigated in detail. More pragmatically, confirmation of duality in inclusive hadron production would open the way to an enormously rich semi-inclusive program in the preasymptotic regime, allowing unprecedented access to the spin and flavor distributions of the nucleon, especially at large x . We will discuss semi-inclusive scattering in some more detail from a theoretical perspective in Sec. V D, and outline future challenges for semi-inclusive duality in Sec. VII D.

V. THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS

After reviewing the experimental status of duality in electron–nucleon scattering, in this section we discuss various theoretical approaches which have been developed in an effort to understand its origin. Because the discovery of Bloom-Gilman duality preceded QCD, much of the early work was phenomenological or based on effective hadronic descriptions. We shall discuss some of these in the descriptions of models of duality in Sec. VB below. To begin with, however, we present what has become the standard framework for discussing duality in the context of QCD — namely, the operator product, or twist, expansion. Following this, we will demonstrate the power of duality in phenomenological applications in inclusive scattering, in semi-inclusive processes, and in exclusive reactions.

A. QCD and the Twist Expansion

The theoretical basis for describing Bloom-Gilman duality in QCD is the operator product expansion (OPE) of Wilson [171] and others [12,172], the main elements of which we shall briefly review here. The quantities most directly amenable to a QCD analysis are the moments of structure functions. An important point to realize is that the OPE analysis is intrinsically perturbative, in the sense that a systematic expansion of structure function moments is performed in terms of inverse powers of a hard scale, Q^2 . The essence of the OPE is that it enables one to isolate the “soft”, nonperturbative physics contained in parton correlation functions, from the “hard” scattering of the probe from the partons.

1. The OPE, Resonances and Duality

According to the OPE, at large $Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ the moments of the structure functions can be expanded in powers of $1/Q^2$ [171]. The coefficients in the expansion are matrix elements of quark & gluon operators corresponding to a certain *twist*, τ , defined as the mass dimension minus the spin, n , of the operator. For the n -th moment of the F_2 structure function, $M_2^{(n)}$, for example (see Eq. (43)), one has the expansion

$$M_2^{(n)}(Q^2) = \sum_{\tau=2,4,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{A_{\tau}^{(n)}(\alpha_s(Q^2))}{Q^{\tau-2}}, \quad n = 2, 4, 6 \dots \quad (79)$$

where $A_{\tau}^{(n)}$ are the matrix elements with twist $\leq \tau$. Note that because of the crossing symmetry properties of the F_2 structure function under $\nu \rightarrow -\nu$ (or equivalently $x \rightarrow -x$), under which F_2 is even, the OPE expansion for $M_2^{(n)}$ is defined for positive, even integers n . As the argument suggests, the Q^2 dependence of the matrix elements can be calculated perturbatively, with $A_{\tau}^{(n)}$ expressed as a power series in $\alpha_s(Q^2)$.

Similarly, for the spin-dependent g_1 structure function, the twist expansion for the n -th moment $\Gamma_1^{(n)}$ (see Eq. (47)) becomes

$$\Gamma_1^{(n)}(Q^2) = \sum_{\tau=2,4,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{\tau}^{(n)}(\alpha_s(Q^2))}{Q^{\tau-2}}, \quad n = 1, 3, 5 \dots \quad (80)$$

Here once again the coefficients $\mu_\tau^{(n)}$ represent matrix elements of operators with twist $\leq \tau$, and since the g_1 structure function is odd under the interchange $x \rightarrow -x$, its moments are related to matrix elements of local operators for positive, odd integers n .

Asymptotically, as $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ the leading-twist ($\tau = 2$) terms in the expansions (79) and (80) dominate the moments. In the absence of perturbatively generated corrections, these give rise to the Q^2 independence of the structure function moments, and hence are responsible for scaling. For the spin-averaged moments, the coefficients $A_2^{(n)}$ of the twist-2 terms in Eq. (79) are given in terms of matrix elements of spin- n operators,

$$A_2^{(n)} P^{\mu_1} \dots P^{\mu_n} = \langle P | \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\{\mu_1} iD^{\mu_2} \dots iD^{\mu_n\}} \psi | P \rangle , \quad (81)$$

where P is the nucleon momentum, ψ is the quark field, D^μ is the covariant derivative, and the braces $\{\dots\}$ denote symmetrization of indices and subtraction of traces. Similarly, for the moments of the spin-dependent g_1 structure the leading-twist contributions are given by

$$\mu_2^{(n)} S^{\mu_1} P^{\mu_2} \dots P^{\mu_n} = \langle P, S | \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu_1} \gamma_5 iD^{\{\mu_2} \dots iD^{\mu_n\}} \psi | P, S \rangle , \quad (82)$$

where S^μ is the spin vector of the nucleon.

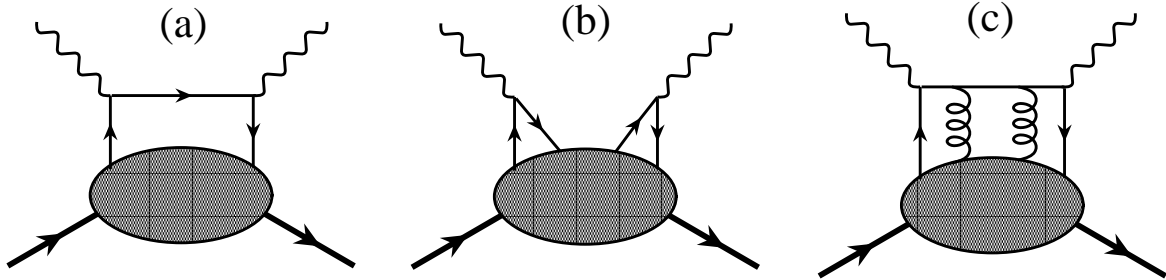


FIG. 46. (a) Leading-twist (“handbag diagram”) contribution to the structure function. (b) Higher-twist (“cat’s ears”) four-quark contributions. (c) Higher-twist quark-gluon interactions.

The leading-twist terms correspond to diagrams such as in Fig. 46 (a), in which the virtual photon scatters incoherently from a single parton. The higher-twist terms in Eqs. (79) and (80) are proportional to higher powers of $1/Q^2$ with coefficients which are matrix elements of local operators involving multi-quark or quark-gluon fields (see Sec. V A 2 below). Diagrammatically, these correspond to processes such as those depicted in Fig. 46 (b) and (c).

The relation between the higher-twist matrix elements and duality in electron scattering was elucidated in the classic work of De Rújula, Georgi and Politzer [6,47], who reformulated the empirical observations of Bloom and Gilman in terms of the twist expansion of the structure function moments in QCD. The connection follows almost immediately from the definition of the moment expansions in Eqs. (79) and (80). For the F_2 structure function, the lowest moment, $M_2^{(2)}$, corresponds precisely to the Bloom-Gilman integral in Eq. (63).

At low Q^2 the moments display strong Q^2 dependence, violating both scaling and duality. In the OPE language this violation is associated with large corrections from the subleading, $1/Q^{\tau-2}$ higher-twist terms in Eqs. (79) and (80).

At larger Q^2 the moments become independent of Q^2 , as they would if they were given entirely by the scaling contribution. According to Eqs. (79) and (80), this duality can only occur if the higher-twist contributions are either small or cancel. Duality is synonymous, therefore, with the suppression of higher twists, which in partonic language corresponds to the suppression of interactions between the scattered quark and the spectator system, as illustrated in Fig. 46 (b) and (c). In other words, suppression of final state interactions is a prerequisite for the existence of duality.

Taking the F_2 structure function for illustration, the appearance of duality implies that the moment $M_2^{(n)}$ is dominated, even at low Q^2 , by the leading term, $A_2^{(n)}$. The higher-twist contributions can be defined as the difference between the total and leading-twist moments,

$$\Delta M_2^{(n)}(Q^2) \equiv M_2^{(n)}(Q^2) - A_2^{(n)}(Q^2) = \frac{A_4^{(n)}(Q^2)}{Q^2} + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^4). \quad (83)$$

Of course, the suppression or cancellation of the higher-twist terms cannot occur for all moments n — since higher moments weight the large- x region more than lower moments, this would require identical x distributions for the resonance and scaling functions, which clearly cannot occur at any finite Q^2 . For higher n one expects duality and the onset of scaling to occur at relatively higher Q^2 , with $nM_0^2 \sim Q^2$, where M_0 is some mass scale, of the order of the transverse momentum of quarks in the nucleon (~ 500 MeV) [6].

As elaborated by De Rújula *et al.* [6], and subsequently by Ji & Unrau [173], there should exist a region of n and Q^2 where the higher-twist contributions become important but remain perturbative, in the sense that a twist expansion exists in which they can be isolated. In this region the structure function still exhibits the prominent resonances, which organize themselves to approximately follow, on average, the deep inelastic scaling function. Here the physics can be described in terms of either resonance production, or in terms of scattering from partons [173]. Note that since the resonances are bound states of quarks and gluons, they necessarily involve (an infinite number of) higher twists. The low-lying resonances contribute significantly to the low moments, but the overall size of the higher twists is not overwhelming. The extent to which Bloom-Gilman duality holds then reflects the size of this region. For higher moments $nM_0^2 \gtrsim Q^2$, the higher-twist terms become more important than the leading-twist, so that the twist expansion diverges, and the OPE ceases to be reliable as a means of organizing the different structure function contributions.

The interplay between resonances and higher twists can be dramatically illustrated by considering the contribution from the resonance region, traditionally defined (as in Sec. IV) as that restricted to $W < W_{\text{res}} = 2$ GeV, to moments of the structure function as a function of Q^2 . For the proton F_2^p structure function the resonance contribution to the moment $M_2^{(n)}$ is given by

$$M_{2,\text{res}}^{(n)}(Q^2) = \int_{x_{\text{res}}}^1 dx x^{n-2} F_2(x, Q^2), \quad (84)$$

where $x_{\text{res}} = Q^2/(W_{\text{res}}^2 - M^2 + Q^2)$. The ratios of the resonance contributions $M_{2,\text{res}}^{(n)}$ to the total moments is illustrated in Fig. 47 for the $n = 2, 4, 6$ and 8 moments. At $Q^2 =$

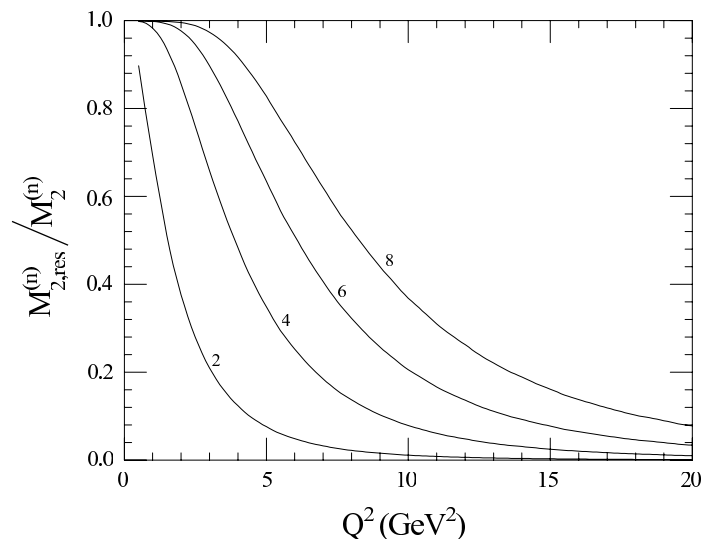


FIG. 47. Ratio of the $n = 2, 4, 6$ and 8 moments of the proton F_2^p structure function from the resonance region, $W < 2$ GeV, to the total. (Adapted from Ref. [173].)

1 GeV^2 approximately 70% of the cross section integral (or the $n = 2$ moment) comes from the resonance region, $W < W_{\text{res}}$. Despite this large resonant contribution, the resonances and the deep inelastic continuum conspire to produce only about a 10–15% higher-twist correction at the same Q^2 , as Fig. 48 demonstrates. Here the total $M_2^{(2)}$ moment from recent proton measurements in Hall C at Jefferson Lab [99] is plotted as a function of Q^2 , together with the leading-twist contribution calculated from the PDF parameterization of Ref. [67]. Remarkably, even though each bound state resonance must be built up from a multitude of twists, when combined the resonances interfere in such a way that they closely resemble the leading-twist component!

A similar duality can be studied in polarized structure functions. Defining the resonance contribution to the n -th moment of the g_1 structure function as

$$\Gamma_{1,\text{res}}^{(n)}(Q^2) = \int_{x_{\text{res}}}^1 dx x^{n-1} g_1(x, Q^2), \quad (85)$$

Edelmann *et al.* [175] considered the ratio of $\Gamma_{1,\text{res}}^{(n)}$ to the total n -th moment for the proton, displayed in Fig. 49 for $n = 1, 3, 5$ and 7 . The resonance contributions to the moments $\Gamma_1^{(n)}$ are quite sizable, especially for higher moments. At $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ they are responsible for about 50% of the first moment, $\Gamma_1^{(1)}$, and essentially saturate the higher moments. At large Q^2 the continuum contributions with $W > W_{\text{res}}$ take over.

On the other hand, the interference between the resonances and the deep inelastic continuum leads to relatively small higher-twist corrections, which, as for the F_2 structure function, can be defined as the difference between the total and leading-twist contribution,

$$\Delta\Gamma_1^{(n)}(Q^2) \equiv \Gamma_1^{(n)}(Q^2) - \mu_2^{(n)}(Q^2) = \frac{\mu_4^{(n)}(Q^2)}{Q^2} + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^4). \quad (86)$$

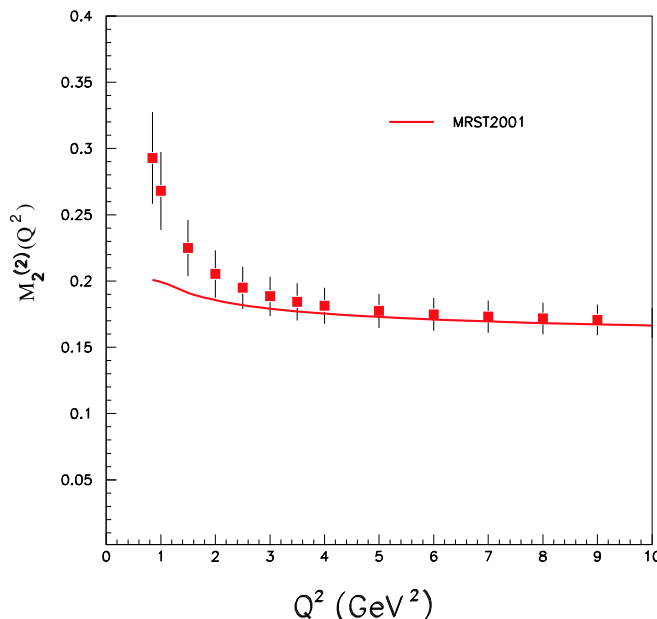


FIG. 48. Total $n = 2$ moment of the proton F_2^p structure function (squares) and the leading-twist contribution (solid line) [99].

Because the spin-dependent structure functions do not need to be positive, however, the cancellations here will not be as dramatic as in the unpolarized case. For the $n = 1$ moment of g_1^p , for instance, the higher-twist contribution is now about a 20–25% of the total (see Fig. 50 below). Similarly for the higher moments, the rather large resonant contributions nonetheless integrate to produce a relatively small higher-twist correction. At $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ one finds that the $n = 3$ moment is composed of $\sim 75\%$ resonances, whereas only $\sim 40\%$ of the moment comes from higher twists [175].

These simple comparisons illustrate the important point that the often quoted distinction between the resonance and deep inelastic regions is, in fact, artificial. In reality, resonances are an integral part of the nucleon structure function, and can never be avoided in a moment analysis. In other words, if scaling is defined as the Q^2 independence of structure function moments, then the resonance region qualifies as a scaling regime! This will be discussed in greater detail in Sec. VB 1 within specific resonant models of structure functions.

2. Physics of Higher Twists

In the context of global analyses of parton distributions, higher-twist effects are often seen as unwelcome complications. On the other hand, higher twists contain valuable information on nucleon structure – no less fundamental than that contained in leading twists – and are therefore of tremendous interest in their own right.

The previous discussion points to an important practical consequence of the duality

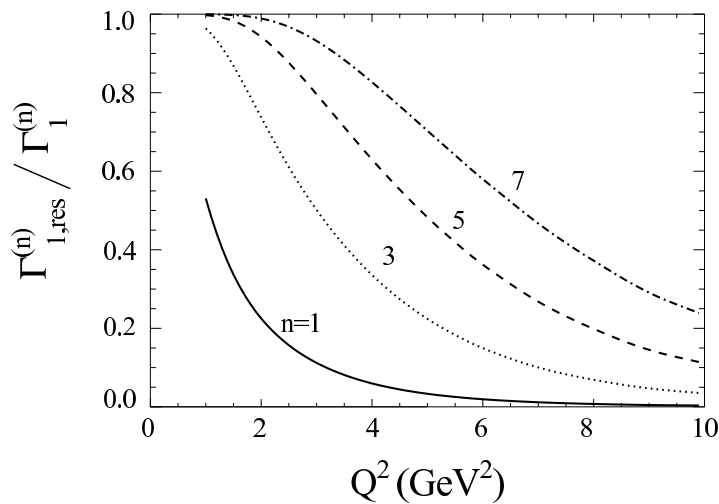


FIG. 49. Contribution to the moments $\Gamma_1^{(n)}$ from low mass excitations with $W < W_{\text{res}}$ relative to the full moments, for $n = 1, 3, 5$ and 7 . From Ref. [175].

between resonances and scaling in deep inelastic scattering. Namely, if one knows the size of the higher-twist contributions, either experimentally or theoretically (*e.g.*, from lattice QCD calculations), one can use this to extract the properties of the resonances. Conversely, from data on the structure function in the resonance region one can extract matrix elements of higher-twist operators. This use of duality is well known in QCD sum rule calculations, as well as in applications to other physical processes (see Sec. VI). In this section we examine the physics content of the higher-twist matrix elements, and illustrate how duality can be used to obtain information about higher-twist effects in the nucleon from structure function data in the intermediate- Q^2 region.

Before proceeding, we should point out that since the perturbative expansion in α_s is expected to be divergent (the coefficients of the higher-order terms grow like $n!$), and the separation of the radiative (logarithmic) and twist (power) expansions in Q^2 may be ambiguous [176]. The uncertainty in regularizing the divergent series is closely related to the precise definition of the higher-twist contributions. The practical solution adopted in many higher-twist analyses [173,175,177,178] is to utilize the available perturbative calculations up to a given order, and define the leading-twist contribution to that order. As long as one works in a region of Q^2 where the first higher-twist term is much larger than the smallest term in the perturbative expansion (so that adding higher-order terms in α_s will not improve the accuracy of the expansion), the ambiguity in defining the higher-twist corrections can be neglected.

Taking the experimental moments of the proton F_2^p structure function, Ji and Unrau [173] showed how information on the coefficients of the twist-4 operators can be extracted from data at intermediate Q^2 . More recent higher-twist analyses of F_2^p moments measured at JLab were made by Armstrong *et al.* [80] and Osipenko *et al.* [179]. Any such extraction relies on knowledge of the twist-2 contributions, including higher-order corrections in α_s , which must be subtracted from the total. For the $n = 2$ moment of F_2 , the leading-twist

contribution corresponds to the momentum carried by quarks,

$$A_2^{(2)}(Q^2) = \sum_q e_q^2 \int_0^1 dx \, x \left(q(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}(x, Q^2) \right) , \quad (87)$$

with the sub-leading $1/Q^2$ correction given by

$$A_4^{(2)}(Q^2) = M^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} A_{4,\text{TMC}}^{(2)}(Q^2) + \tilde{A}_4^{(2)}(Q^2) \right) . \quad (88)$$

Here $A_{4,\text{TMC}}^{(2)}$ is a target mass correction, which arises from the kinematical Q^2/ν^2 corrections in the OPE analysis, and which would vanish for a massless target. Formally this is a matrix element of the $\tau = 2$ operator in Eq. (81) with $n = 4$. At $Q^2 = 1 - 2 \text{ GeV}^2$, the target mass term $A_{4,\text{TMC}}^{(2)}$ amounts to around 4% of the total moment. The coefficient $\tilde{A}_4^{(2)}$ represents matrix elements of genuine $\tau = 4$ operators [94,173,180,181], and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} 2\tilde{A}_4^{(2)} \left(P^\mu P^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} M^2 \right) = \sum_{q,q'} e_q e_{q'} \langle P | & \frac{1}{2} g^2 \bar{\psi}_q \gamma^{\{\mu} \gamma_5 t^a \psi_q \bar{\psi}_{q'} \gamma^{\nu\}} \gamma_5 t^a \psi_{q'} \\ & + \frac{5}{16} g^2 \bar{\psi}_q \gamma^{\{\mu} t^a \psi_q \bar{\psi}_{q'} \gamma^{\nu\}} t^a \psi_{q'} \\ & + \frac{1}{16} g \bar{\psi}_q i D^{\{\mu} \tilde{G}^{\nu\}\lambda} \gamma^\lambda \gamma_5 \psi_{q'} \delta_{qq'} | P \rangle , \end{aligned} \quad (89)$$

where $\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} G_{\alpha\beta}$ is the dual gluon field strength tensor, t^a are color SU(3) matrices, and g is the strong coupling constant. The first and second terms in Eq. (89) represent four-quark operators (in general nondiagonal in quark flavors q, q'), corresponding to the “cat’s ears” diagram in Fig. 46 (b), while the third term represents a quark-gluon mixed operator such as that represented in Fig. 46 (c).

The higher-twist contribution is $\sim 10 - 15\%$ of the total at $Q^2 \sim 1 - 2 \text{ GeV}^2$, as seen in Fig. 48. The Q^2 dependence of the higher-twist operators is governed by the appropriate anomalous dimensions of the twist-4 operators [180], which results in a (logarithmic) Q^2 dependence of the matrix element $\tilde{A}_4^{(2)}(Q^2)$. For all $n \lesssim 10$, $\tilde{A}_4^{(n)}$ remains approximately constant, in contrast to the rapidly decreasing size of the leading-twist moment, $A_2^{(n)}$, as shown in Fig. 47. Phenomenologically, this reflects the fact that at fixed Q^2 the higher-twist corrections become more significant for higher moments, which stems from the increased number of twist-4 operators [173]. For $n = 4$, the twist-4 term is as large as the leading twist at $Q^2 \approx 2 \text{ GeV}^2$, while for larger n the higher twists dominate at this Q^2 . It has been suggested [173] that the twist expansion breaks down when the higher-twist corrections exceed $\sim 50\%$ of the leading twist.

Of course, neglecting $1/Q^6$ and higher corrections in such an analysis is only justified as long as Q^2 is not too small. Since the twist expansion is believed to be controlled by a scale related to the average transverse momentum of quarks in the nucleon [47], typically of the order 0.4–0.5 GeV [173,47], one may expect that the role of twist-6 effects should not be significant for $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, and not overwhelming for $Q^2 \gtrsim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ [177].

Information on the spin dependence of higher twists can be extracted from moments of the polarized g_1 and g_2 structure functions [175,177,182,183]. At leading twist, the $n = 1$

moment of the g_1 structure function can be written in terms of the helicity-dependent quark distributions, $\Delta q = q^\uparrow - q^\downarrow$,

$$\mu_2^{(1)}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 \int_0^1 dx \left(\Delta q(x, Q^2) + \Delta \bar{q}(x, Q^2) \right), \quad (90)$$

which can in turn be related to the axial vector charges of the nucleon. The triplet and octet charges are known from neutron and hyperon β -decay, while the singlet axial charge is interpreted in the quark-parton model as the total spin of the nucleon carried by quarks. The higher-twist contributions to the lowest moment $\Gamma_1^{(1)}$ contain information on spin-dependent quark-gluon correlations, and in particular on the color polarizabilities of the nucleon [184,185], which describe how the color electric and magnetic gluon fields respond to the spin of the nucleon.

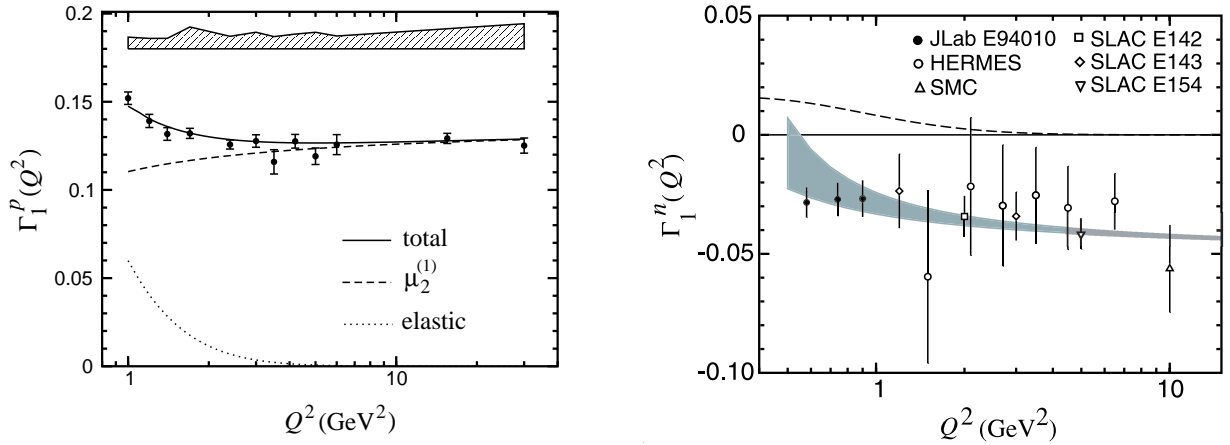


FIG. 50. (Left panel) Lowest moment of the proton g_1^p structure function. The points are from a reanalysis of world data by Osipenko *et al.* [183]; the error bars give statistical uncertainties only, while the systematic and low- x extrapolation errors are given by the shaded band. (Right panel) Lowest moment of the neutron g_1^n structure function [182]. The error bars are a quadratic sum of statistical and systematic errors. The shaded band represents the uncertainty on the leading-twist contribution due to α_s , and the dashed curve indicates the elastic contribution.

The lowest moment of the proton g_1 structure function is shown in Fig. 50 (left panel). The data points are from a reanalysis [183] of world data in which different experiments were combined using a consistent set of assumptions for the low- x extrapolations, beyond the measured region. The elastic component of Γ_1^p is seen to make a sizable contribution at low Q^2 , and in fact dominates the moment below $Q^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$. For $Q^2 \gtrsim 2\text{--}3 \text{ GeV}^2$ the moment is effectively saturated by the leading-twist contribution, $\mu_2^{(1)}$. At $Q^2 \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ a noticeable difference between the total and leading-twist moments starts to appear, indicating the presence of higher twist effects. The corresponding neutron moment is shown in Fig. 50 (right panel). The data are from various experiments at SLAC, CERN, DESY

and JLab, and have also been reanalyzed [182] to ensure the same low- x extrapolations are applied to all the data sets. The difference between the leading-twist contribution (shaded band) and the data is smaller in this case, within the errors, suggesting that the higher twists may be relatively small even for $Q^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$.

The size of the higher twists can be quantified by subtracting $\mu_2^{(1)}$ from the total moment. The leading term in the difference is the $1/Q^2$ correction, $\mu_4^{(1)}$, which can be written as [177,178,180]

$$\mu_4^{(1)}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{9} M^2 \left(a_2(Q^2) + 4d_2(Q^2) + 4f_2(Q^2) \right) . \quad (91)$$

Here a_2 is related to the target mass corrections (which are formally twist-2), whose role has also been emphasized in Refs. [82,103,186] in discussions of the x dependence of the higher-twist contributions, especially at large x . The term d_2 is a twist-3 matrix element given by the second moment of the (leading-twist parts of the) g_1 and g_2 structure functions,

$$d_2(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \, x^2 \left(2g_1(x, Q^2) + 3g_2(x, Q^2) \right) . \quad (92)$$

Note that the x^2 weighting in the integrand places greater emphasis on the large- x region, and implies a greater role for the resonance contributions which populate this region. The f_2 term corresponds to the matrix element of a twist-4 operator involving both quark and gluon fields [180,184,185],

$$f_2(Q^2) M^2 S^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 \langle P, S | g \, \bar{\psi}_q \, \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \gamma_\nu \, \psi_q | P, S \rangle . \quad (93)$$

Note that the sign convention here follows that in Refs. [108,182,183,187], and is opposite to that adopted in Ref. [177]. The Q^2 dependence of the higher-twist matrix elements is given by the respective anomalous dimensions, which have been calculated by Shuryak & Vainshtein [180].

Fitting the proton data for $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, the analysis in Ref. [183] extracted a value for the f_2^p matrix element (normalized at a scale $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$) of

$$f_2^p = 0.039 \pm 0.022 \text{ (stat.)} \pm \frac{0.000}{0.018} \text{ (sys.)} \pm 0.030 \text{ (low } x) \pm \frac{0.007}{0.011} (\alpha_s) , \quad (94)$$

where the first and second errors are statistical and systematic, respectively, the third is due to the low- x extrapolation, and the last arises from the uncertainty in the value of α_s at low Q^2 . For the neutron data in Fig. 50, a best fit for the $Q^2 > 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ data gives

$$f_2^n = 0.034 \pm 0.043 , \quad (95)$$

where the error includes statistical and (the more dominant) systematic uncertainties, as well as from the $x \rightarrow 0$ extrapolation.

One should note, however, that the extracted higher-twist contribution depends somewhat on the size of the $\tau = 2$ contribution. In particular, the best fits to the individual proton and neutron data sets give rise to different central values of the singlet axial charge, $\Delta\Sigma$: $\Delta\Sigma^{(p)} = 0.15 \pm 0.11$ from the proton data, and $\Delta\Sigma^{(n)} = 0.35 \pm 0.08$ from the neutron

data. While consistent within errors, this does suggest a need for higher-precision data on $g_1^{p,n}$ at higher Q^2 to test the assumptions which go into polarized structure function analyses.

The extracted values of f_2 can be combined with the previously measured d_2 matrix element to provide information on the color electric (χ_E) and magnetic (χ_B) polarizabilities of the nucleon [185],

$$\chi_E \, 2M^2 \vec{S} = \langle P, S | \vec{j}_a \times \vec{E}_a | P, S \rangle = 2M^2 \vec{S} \frac{1}{3} (4d_2 + 2f_2) , \quad (96)$$

$$\chi_B \, 2M^2 \vec{S} = \langle P, S | j_a^0 \vec{B}_a | P, S \rangle = 2M^2 \vec{S} \frac{1}{3} (4d_2 - f_2) , \quad (97)$$

where \vec{E}_a and \vec{B}_a are the color electric and magnetic fields, and j_a^μ is the quark current [184]. The color polarizabilities reflect the response of the color electric and magnetic fields in the nucleon to the nucleon spin, \vec{S} [184,185]; the sign on χ_B , for instance, reflects the direction of the color magnetic field with respect to the polarization of the proton. With the values for f_2 in Eqs. (94) and (95), and the results for d_2^p from the global analysis in Ref. [183] and d_2^n from the SLAC E155 measurement [141], one finds

$$\chi_E^p = 0.026 \pm 0.028 , \quad \chi_B^p = -0.013 \mp 0.014 \quad (98)$$

$$\chi_E^n = 0.033 \pm 0.029 , \quad \chi_B^n = -0.001 \pm 0.016 \quad (99)$$

where the errors have been added in quadrature. These results indicate that both the color electric and magnetic polarizabilities in the proton and neutron are relatively small, with the central values of the color electric polarizabilities being positive, and the color magnetic zero or slightly negative.

The small values of the higher-twist corrections, in both polarized and unpolarized structure functions, suggest that the long-range, nonperturbative interactions between quarks and gluons in the nucleon are not as dominant at $Q^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ as one may have expected. For the polarized neutron moment, they may even play a minor role down to $Q^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$. This would imply strong cancellations between neutron resonances resulting in the dominance of the leading-twist contribution to Γ_1^n . If so, it would be a spectacular confirmation of quark-hadron duality in spin-averaged and spin-dependent structure functions.

At lower values of Q^2 ($Q^2 \lesssim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$) there will be significant contributions from even higher twists ($\tau = 6$ and higher) which will eventually render the perturbative twist expansion unreliable. On the other hand, structure functions and their moments have been measured to very low Q^2 , and a theoretical understanding of the transition to the real photon limit is necessary for a complete description of the quark structure of the nucleon. In the next section we discuss the behavior of structure functions in the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$, and how duality may be realized even in this extreme case.

3. The Transition to $Q^2 = 0$

As Q^2 decreases from the perturbative regime, eventually a description of the structure function in terms of scattering from a few parton constituents becomes unreliable. For $Q^2 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ a perturbative expansion in α_s ceases to be meaningful, as obviously does an

expansion in terms of powers of $1/Q^2$. When Q^2 is close to the real photon limit, $Q^2 \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$, an expansion in powers of Q^2 may instead become more relevant. Here one may resort to effective field theory techniques, such as chiral perturbation theory, to describe structure functions, or their moments, in terms of hadronic degrees of freedom. Nevertheless, as one traverses through the intermediate- Q^2 region, where neither the perturbative high-energy nor effective low-energy expansion schemes are applicable, physical quantities should still remain smooth functions of Q^2 , and some sort of duality may still hold in terms of variables other than Q^2 .

There are indeed some empirical indications which suggest the existence of a duality between resonances and continuum cross sections even at the real photon point, $Q^2 = 0$. This may at first sight be surprising since the physics at $Q^2 = 0$ is in some ways qualitatively different from that applicable for deep inelastic scattering at large Q^2 . The former limit is dominated by purely coherent processes, with cross sections generically proportional to the squares of sums of charges of the interacting quarks, $(\sum_q e_q)^2$. Processes at large Q^2 , on the other hand, are dominated by incoherent scattering from individual quarks in the nucleon, with a strength proportional to sums of squares of the individual quark charges, $\sum_q e_q^2$. The difference between these is then a sum over the nondiagonal contributions, $\sum_{q \neq q'} e_q e_{q'}$, which in general can be as large as the terms diagonal in e_q [188]. Despite this, for real photons the nondiffractive contribution to the ratio of the total neutron to proton cross sections is empirically found to be

$$\frac{\sigma^{\gamma n}}{\sigma^{\gamma p}} \sim \frac{2}{3} \equiv \frac{2e_d^2 + e_u^2}{2e_u^2 + e_d^2}. \quad (100)$$

The ratio thus behaves as if it were given by the squares of constituent quark charges, even though there is no reason for the dominance of the incoherent terms when $Q^2 = 0$.

In fact, some oscillations around the high-energy behavior can be seen in the total photon-proton cross section, $\sigma^{\gamma p}$, at low ν , as illustrated in Fig. 51. The high-energy “scaling” curve here is a fit to the large- s data by Donnachie & Landshoff [189] using a Regge-inspired model in which the total γp cross section is parameterized by the sum of diffractive and nondiffractive components,

$$\sigma^{\gamma p} = X (2M\nu)^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}-1} + Y (2M\nu)^{\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}-1}, \quad (101)$$

where for real photons one has $2M\nu = s - M^2$, with s the total γp center of mass energy squared. The exponents $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}} = 1.0808$ and $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}} = 0.5475$ are fitted to pp and $p\bar{p}$ total cross section data, and the coefficients X and Y are given by $X = 0.0677$ and $Y = 0.129$. Numerically the exponents $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}$ and $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}$ are found to be very similar to the intercepts of the Pomeron and Reggeon (ρ meson) trajectories, respectively. Although the parameters were fitted to the $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 6$ GeV data, the fit appears on average to go through the resonance data at low \sqrt{s} (even at $Q^2 = 0$!).

The behavior of the structure functions in the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ limit is to some extent constrained by global symmetries. In particular, electromagnetic current conservation requires that $q^\mu W_{\mu\nu} = q^\nu W_{\mu\nu} = 0$, where $W_{\mu\nu}$ is the electromagnetic hadronic tensor (see Eq. (7)). The requirement that there be no kinematical singularities at $Q^2 = 0$ implies that for fixed ν , the F_1 and F_2 structure functions at small Q^2 must behave as

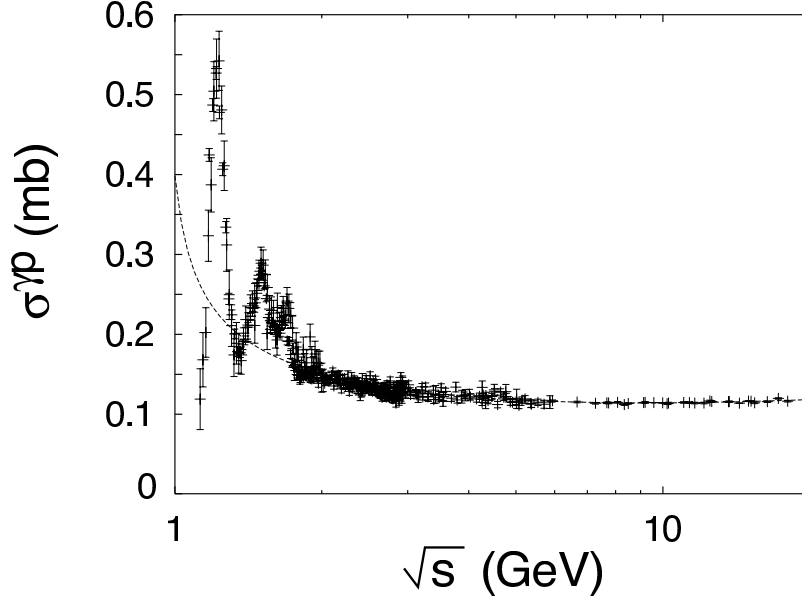


FIG. 51. Total inclusive photoproduction cross section data for the proton as a function of the center of mass energy, \sqrt{s} , compared with a parameterization (dashed curve) of the high energy data. From Ref. [190].

$$F_2 = \mathcal{O}(Q^2) , \quad (102)$$

$$F_1 + \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} F_2 = \mathcal{O}(Q^2) . \quad (103)$$

Since at fixed ν one has $x \sim Q^2$, this implies that the longitudinal structure function F_L is suppressed by an additional power of Q^2 compared with F_2 in the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ limit. In terms of the cross sections for scattering of transversely and longitudinally polarized photons, σ_T and σ_L , respectively, the structure functions in the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ limit can be written as (*cf.* Eqs. (19) & (21))

$$F_2 \rightarrow \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2\alpha} (\sigma_T + \sigma_L) , \quad (104)$$

$$F_L \rightarrow \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2\alpha} \sigma_L . \quad (105)$$

Because only transversely polarized photons contribute to the total cross section $\sigma^{\gamma p}$ in the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ limit, σ_L must vanish for real photons, in which case

$$\sigma^{\gamma p} = \sigma_T + \epsilon \sigma_L \rightarrow \sigma_T \quad \text{as} \quad Q^2 \rightarrow 0 , \quad (106)$$

where ϵ is the virtual photon polarization factor (see Eq. (17)). At $Q^2 = 0$ the total (transverse) cross section remains finite, which implies that the F_2 structure function must vanish linearly with Q^2 ,

$$F_2(x, Q^2) \rightarrow Q^2 \quad \text{as} \quad Q^2 \rightarrow 0 , \quad (107)$$

while the F_L structure function vanishes as

$$F_L(x, Q^2) \rightarrow Q^4 \quad \text{as} \quad Q^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad (108)$$

and therefore the longitudinal to transverse ratio

$$R(x, Q^2) = \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T} \rightarrow Q^2 \quad \text{as} \quad Q^2 \rightarrow 0. \quad (109)$$

Note that each of these kinematical constraints is a direct consequences of electromagnetic gauge invariance. In the case of neutrino scattering, where there are no such constraints on the axial vector current, the neutrino structure function F_2^ν does not vanish in the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ limit, but by PCAC is proportional to the total πp cross section, $F_2^\nu \sim \sigma^{\pi p} \rightarrow \text{constant}$.

Donnachie & Landshoff [191] have also fitted the proton F_2 structure function at low Q^2 using a Regge-inspired model for the parton distributions, modified to incorporate the kinematical $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ constraint in Eq. (107). Using two simple powers of x , in analogy with the total cross section fit in Eq. (101), each multiplied by a simple function of Q^2 , they parameterize the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ behavior as [191]

$$F_2(x, Q^2) \sim A x^{1-\alpha_{\text{IP}}} \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + a} \right)^{\alpha_{\text{IP}}} + B x^{1-\alpha_{\text{IR}}} \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + b} \right)^{\alpha_{\text{IR}}}, \quad (110)$$

with A and B constrained to reproduce the photoproduction limit in Eq. (101).

A more intuitive interpretation of the Q^2 dependence of the low- Q^2 structure function was provided by Badelek & Kwiecinski [192] through a generalization of the vector meson dominance (VMD) model. The VMD model is a quantitative realization of the fact that photon interactions with the nucleon proceed via the hadronic components of the photon wave function, which at low Q^2 are largely saturated by the ρ , ω and ϕ meson contributions [193]. In the generalized VMD model the F_2 structure function is given by two terms,

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = F_2^{\text{light}}(x, Q^2) + F_2^{\text{heavy}}(x, Q^2), \quad (111)$$

representing contributions from light and heavy vector meson states. The former is given by [192]

$$F_2^{\text{light}}(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi} \sum_{v=\rho, \omega, \phi} \frac{m_v^2 \sigma_v(s)}{\gamma_v^2 (Q^2 + m_v^2)^2}, \quad (112)$$

where σ_v is the vector meson–nucleon total cross section, and the coupling γ_v is related to the leptonic width of the vector meson,

$$\gamma_v^2 = \frac{\alpha^2 \pi m_v}{3 \Gamma_{v \rightarrow e^+ e^-}}. \quad (113)$$

At large Q^2 the low-mass contributions vanish since $F_2^{\text{light}}(x, Q^2) \sim 1/Q^2$. The scaling of the structure function is modeled by including contributions from an infinite number of vector meson states heavier than some mass M_0 ,

$$F_2^{\text{heavy}}(x, Q^2) = Q^2 \int_{M_0^2}^{\infty} dQ'^2 \frac{\Phi(Q'^2, s)}{(Q^2 + Q'^2)^2}, \quad (114)$$

where

$$\Phi(Q^2, s) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \Im m \int^{-Q^2} \frac{dQ'^2}{Q'^2} F_2^{\text{asym}}(x' = \frac{Q'^2}{s - M^2 + Q'^2}, Q'^2). \quad (115)$$

As $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ the function F_2^{heavy} approaches the asymptotic (scaling) structure function F_2^{asym} . Badelek & Kwiecinski [192] further simplify the heavy vector meson contribution by taking

$$F_2^{\text{heavy}}(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_0^2} F_2^{\text{asym}}(\bar{x}, Q^2 + M_0^2), \quad (116)$$

where $\bar{x} = (Q^2 + M_0^2)/(s - M^2 + Q^2 + M_0^2)$, which preserves the analytic properties of the representation in Eq. (114). Although the low-mass vector meson component dominates F_2 at low Q^2 , the large-mass, partonic contribution still gives $\sim 20\text{--}30\%$ of the total at $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$.

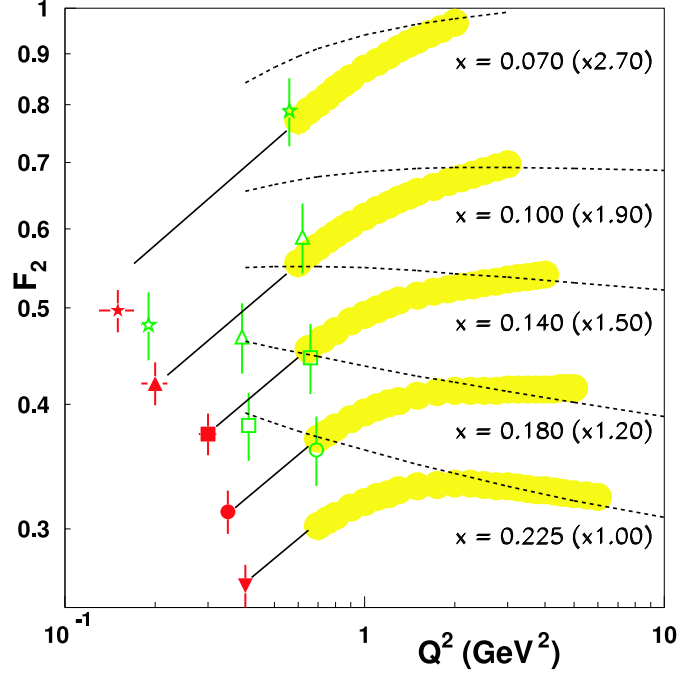


FIG. 52. Q^2 dependence of JLab F_2^p data at low x and Q^2 . The solid lines connect the resonance (JLab) and DIS data (light shaded circles), and consistently represent a $F_2^p \sim Q^{0.5}$ behavior. The dotted lines denote perturbative QCD predictions from Ref. [82]. (Adapted from Ref. [58].)

Other models and parameterizations of structure functions at low Q^2 are reviewed in Ref. [194]. While these parameterizations provide satisfactory fits to the low- Q^2 data, they

do not in themselves provide answers to the question of whether gauge invariance is the only physics which underlies the transition to $Q^2 = 0$, or whether there is additional dynamics which drives the transition. Some clues to this question may be provided by the low- Q^2 data on $F_2^p(x, Q^2)$ measured recently at Jefferson Lab [58]. The experiments there found that the F_2^p structure function at low Q^2 does not follow the linear $\sim Q^2$ behavior that would be expected from gauge invariance constraints alone, but instead behaves as $F_2 \sim Q^{0.5}$ down to $Q^2 \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$, as displayed in Fig. 52. This indicates that these values of Q^2 are still transitional, and that lower Q^2 is needed before the behavior becomes driven by gauge invariance.

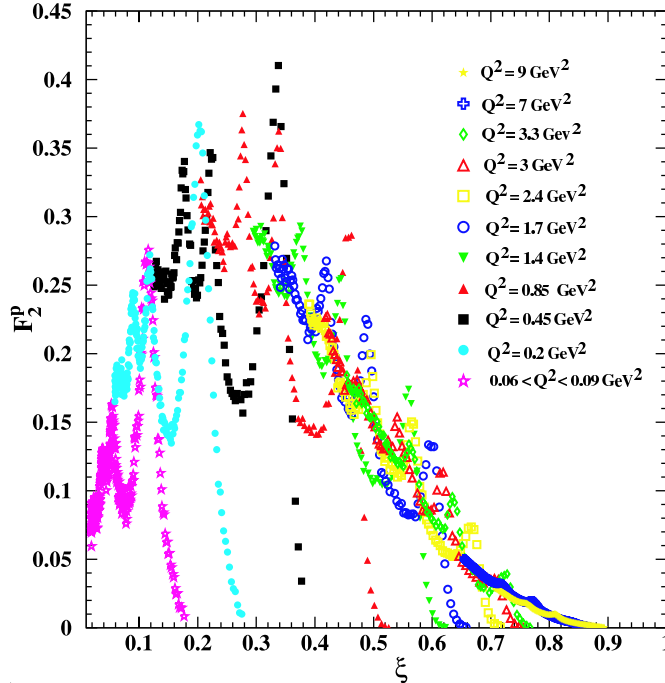


FIG. 53. F_2^p structure function versus the Nachtmann scaling variable ξ , illustrating valence-like behavior at low ξ and Q^2 . (Adapted from Ref. [58].)

Furthermore, Niculescu *et al.* [58] found that the F_2^p structure function at low Q^2 , when averaged over resonances, behaves much like the xF_3 structure function measured in neutrino scattering which is determined by valence quarks only — see Fig. 17. The valence-like behavior of F_2^p at low Q^2 is shown in Fig. 53 for various spectra ranging from $Q^2 = 0.06 \text{ GeV}^2$ to 9 GeV^2 . This suggests that at low Q^2 the F_2 structure function is dominated by valence quarks, with contributions from the sea suppressed. Such an interpretation would support a two-component duality picture in which the valence quark (nondiffractive) contributions are dual to resonances, while sea quark (diffractive) contributions are dual to the nonresonant background [20,34,35] (see Sec. III A 2 above).

Additional insights into low- Q^2 dynamics may be obtained by comparing the expected behavior of the longitudinal cross section, or the R ratio, with low- Q^2 data. For instance, Badelek *et al.* [195] parameterize F_L using a model based on the photon–gluon fusion mech-

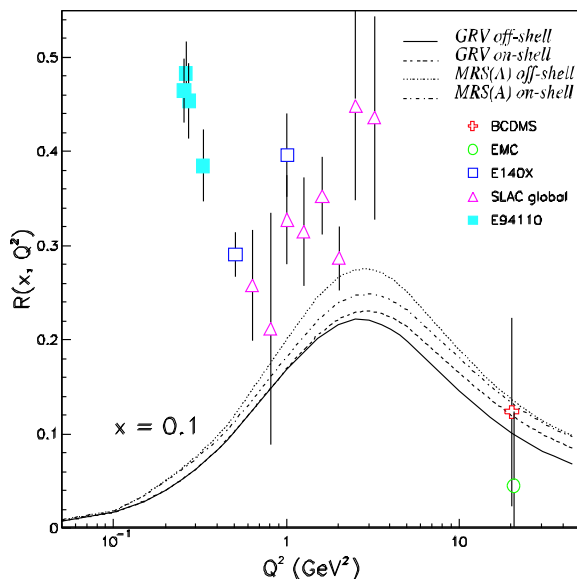


FIG. 54. Comparison of the calculated R ratio as a function of Q^2 at $x = 0.1$ for various input gluon distributions. Adapted from Ref. [195], with new data from JLab Experiment E94-110 [174]. These new data have an additional point-to-point systematic uncertainty of 0.1 (not shown).

anism, suitably extended to low Q^2 , and calculate R utilizing a parameterization of F_2 from Ref. [192]. The predictions for the Q^2 dependence of $R(x, Q^2)$ at $x = 0.1$ are displayed in Fig. 54, using several different gluon distribution functions. Included in the longitudinal structure function is a higher-twist contribution associated with the exchange of a soft Pomeron with intercept equal to unity [195]. The overall low- Q^2 behavior of F_L is $\sim Q^4$, as required from Eq. (108), leading to an approximately linear Q^2 dependence of R as $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$. While slightly below the earlier SLAC data at $Q^2 \sim 1$ GeV², the parameterization significantly underestimates the new Jefferson Lab data at smaller Q^2 values. As for the F_2^p case, the low Q^2 data on R indicate that at values as low as $Q^2 \sim 0.2$ GeV² there appear to be additional dynamics responsible for the Q^2 dependence, beyond that expected from gauge invariance constraints alone.

Further progress in revealing the dynamics of the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ transition can be made with additional data on spin-dependent structure functions at low Q^2 . For the g_1 and g_2 structure functions there are no gauge invariance constraints as for F_2 and F_L , although sum rules such as the Gerasimov-Drell-Hearn (Eq. (67)) and Burkardt-Cottingham (Eq. (73)) sum rules provide some constraints on their moments at $Q^2 = 0$ (see Secs. IV C 3 and IV C 4). A parameterization similar to that for the F_2 structure function was recently constructed by Badelek *et al.* [196] for g_1 at low Q^2 within the generalized VMD model.

Beyond phenomenological studies, the theoretical tools currently available are unable to provide us with quantitative understanding from first principles in QCD of the nature of the low- Q^2 region, where neither the twist expansion nor effective field theories are applicable. In the absence of a rigorous theoretical framework, one can instead resort to models of QCD to obtain clues about the physics governing the transition. In the next section we discuss the

insight into the origin of scaling and low- Q^2 duality which can be garnered from dynamical models of structure functions.

B. Scaling and Duality in Dynamical Models

Although Bloom-Gilman duality for structure function *moments* at intermediate and high Q^2 can be analyzed systematically within a perturbative operator product expansion, an elementary understanding of the origins of duality for structure functions as a function of x and Q^2 is more elusive. This problem is closely related to the question of how to build up a scaling (Q^2 -independent) structure function entirely out of resonances [197], each of which is described by a form factor that falls rapidly with increasing Q^2 . The description of Bjorken scaling in DIS structure functions is of course most elegantly formulated within the QCD quark-parton model, which is justified on the basis of asymptotic freedom. On the other hand, the physical final state is comprised entirely of hadrons, so it must also be possible, in the general sense of quark-hadron duality, to describe the process in terms of hadronic degrees of freedom (resonances and their decays) alone. Figure 55 is a schematic illustration of this duality. How to obtain a scaling function from a sum over resonances, and how to reconcile this with the perturbative description, is the key to understanding the origins of duality, and we focus on these aspects in this section.

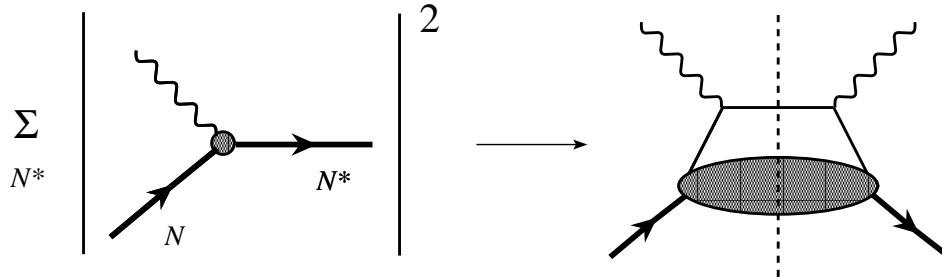


FIG. 55. Schematic illustration of quark-hadron duality in inclusive electron-nucleon scattering: at high energy summation over excited states N^* (left) is equivalent to the leading-twist, parton model result, given by the imaginary part of the virtual Compton scattering amplitude (right).

We saw in Sec. V A 2 above that the appearance of duality results directly from the absence of, or cancellations between, higher twists in structure functions. This means that final state interactions between the scattered quark and the remnants of the hadronic target are suppressed, and the process can be described in terms of incoherent scattering from individual, *free* quarks. The nonexistence of final state interactions in the presence of confinement is not at all obvious, however. While factorization of the hard and soft parts of the Compton scattering amplitude has been demonstrated within the operator product expansion in perturbation theory, no derivation exists nonperturbatively. In the absence of a first principles

proof, various methods and models have been developed to examine the intriguing question of how confined constituents of hadrons respond asymptotically as if they were free. We shall see that a critical element in the appearance of scaling in terms of hadronic degrees of freedom is access to a complete set of hadronic states.

In this section we review several studies which illustrate how scaling can be compatible with the presence of confining interactions. Following this, we examine in more detail how the region dominated by resonances merges into the scaling region, and illustrate the onset of duality between the resonance-averaged and asymptotic structure functions within simple models. Finally, having demonstrated the mechanisms by which summation over hadronic states can dual the free quark cross sections, we apply these ideas to phenomenological examples in which resonances at high Q^2 can be used to constrain the large- x behavior of structure functions, and vice versa.

1. Confinement and Scaling

One of the central mysteries in strong interaction physics, and a key to the question of the origin of duality, is how scattering from bound (confined) states of quarks and gluons in QCD can be consistent with scaling — a property synonymous with scattering from free quarks. To illustrate this dual nature of the strong interactions, we consider several pedagogical examples where this transition is demonstrated explicitly. Starting from a discussion of scaling in the simplified case of QCD in 1+1 dimensions and in the limit of a large number of colors, N_c , we then consider models with increasing levels of sophistication, before finally progressing to more phenomenological descriptions. A common feature in each of the model discussions will be closure, or access to a complete set of hadronic states which dual the partonic scattering process. These examples also demonstrate that the distinction between scattering to hadronic final states (resonances) and to the continuum (scaling) is somewhat spurious, and that resonances are in fact an integral part of the scaling structure function.

a. Large N_c Limit Perhaps the simplest, and most graphic, demonstration of the interplay between resonances and scaling is in QCD in the large- N_c limit. In the case of $q\bar{q}$ bound states, in this limit the hadronic spectrum consists entirely of infinitely narrow, noninteracting resonances of increasing mass. On the other hand, since no element of the perturbative QCD results for deep inelastic scattering depends on N_c , at the quark level one still obtains a smooth scaling structure function. Therefore in the large- N_c world duality must be invoked even in the scaling limit!

The derivation of a scaling function from large N_c resonances was demonstrated explicitly for the case of one space and one time dimension [198]. QCD in 1+1 dimensions in the $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit, known as the “’t Hooft model” [199,200], is an exactly soluble field theory, in which all hadronic Green’s functions are calculable in terms of quark degrees of freedom. In the large- N_c limit, even in lowest order, the exchange of a massless gluon between quarks corresponds to an attractive $q\bar{q}$ potential which rises linearly with r (compared with the 3+1 dimensional case which gives rise to a Coulombic $1/r$ potential). Therefore confinement is an almost trivial consequence in the ’t Hooft model. Furthermore, simply by power counting one can show that the theory is asymptotically free, which automatically leads to Bjorken

scaling in structure functions.

The essential simplification which allows one to solve the 1+1 dimensional theory non-perturbatively is the freedom to choose gauges in which the gluon self-coupling vanishes. Only ladder diagrams thus need to be computed for $q\bar{q}$ interactions, in addition to rainbow diagrams for wave function and mass renormalization [199]. The infrared behavior of the $q\bar{q}$ bound state wave functions and the bound state spectrum can then be determined by solving a Bethe-Salpeter equation (also known as the 't Hooft equation in this application) [199],

$$\mu_n^2 \phi_n(x) = \left(\frac{\gamma_q - 1}{x} + \frac{\gamma_{\bar{q}} - 1}{1 - x} \right) \phi_n(x) - \text{Pr} \int_0^1 \frac{dy \phi_n(y)}{(y - x)^2}, \quad (117)$$

where $\phi_n(x)$ can be interpreted (in the infinite momentum frame) as the probability amplitude for finding the quark q in the n -th $q\bar{q}$ bound state, with light-cone momentum fraction x . Here μ_n is the bound state mass, $\gamma_{q(\bar{q})} = (\pi/g^2 N_c) m_{q(\bar{q})}^2$, and the coupling constant g has dimensions of mass.

In this model confinement follows from the fact that

$$\text{Pr} \int_0^1 \frac{dy \phi_n(y)}{(y - x)^2} = 0 \quad (118)$$

at the values of x where $\phi_n(x)$ would develop poles. The color singlet spectrum then contains an infinity of stable $q\bar{q}$ bound states, with no $q\bar{q}$ continuum. Finite widths of resonances only appear as $1/N_c$ corrections to the theory. The functions $\phi_n(x)$ can be solved numerically, for instance using the Multhopp technique discussed in Refs. [201,202]. For the lowest energy state, $n = 0$, one has $\phi_0 = 1$. As $x \rightarrow 0$ or 1 , the distribution functions vanish as a power of x . For large n , the functions ϕ_n behave as [200,203]

$$\phi_n(x) \rightarrow \sqrt{2} \sin(\mu_n^2 x / \pi), \quad (119)$$

with $\mu_n^2 \sim n\pi^2$.

If all the states in the 1+1 dimensional theory are stable bound states, how is it that one can obtain scaling from a sum over resonances? To address this question, Einhorn [198] calculated the deep inelastic structure function of the n -th $q\bar{q}$ bound state. In 1+1 dimensions there is only one structure function, denoted by $W_n(Q^2, \nu)$, where $\nu = p \cdot q / \mu_n$. Since the only final states which contribute at leading order in $1/N_c$ are single-meson states, one can calculate the imaginary part of the Compton scattering amplitude by squaring the $n \rightarrow m$ transition form factors,

$$W_n \propto \sum_m \left| F_{nm}^q(Q^2) + F_{nm}^{\bar{q}}(Q^2) \right|^2 \delta((p + q)^2 - \mu_n^2). \quad (120)$$

Note that on dimensional grounds, in 1+1 dimensions the scaling function would correspond to $\nu^2 W_n$. As $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$, one can smooth the δ -functions by replacing the sum over m with an integral, with $\mu_m^2 \sim m\pi^2 \rightarrow \infty$ (this is where the implicit use of duality alluded to above enters). In this limit the transition form factors are simply given in terms of the wave functions ϕ_n [198],

$$F_{nm}^q(Q^2) \sim \frac{(-1)^m}{Q^2} e_q m_q x \phi_n(x) , \quad (121)$$

and similarly for the \bar{q} contribution. Squaring and performing the integral over m then gives the structure function in the $Q^2, \nu \rightarrow \infty$ limit [198],

$$\nu^2 W_n(Q^2, \nu) = 2\pi^2 \left(e_q^2 m_q^2 \phi_n^2(x) + e_{\bar{q}}^2 m_{\bar{q}}^2 \phi_n^2(1-x) \right) . \quad (122)$$

In addition to the diagonal terms, Eq. (122) also contains an interference term proportional to $(-1)^m e_q e_{\bar{q}} \phi_n(x) \phi_n(1-x)$, which is analogous to the higher-twist terms (associated with four-quark operators) discussed in Sec. V A 2. The phase $(-1)^m = \exp(-i(p+q)^2/\pi)$ oscillates infinitely rapidly as $(p+q)^2 \rightarrow \infty$, and naively one may expect the interference term to survive since the individual final states have either positive (m even) or negative (m odd) parity. However, the smoothing of the δ -function discontinuity means that the interference term contributes only to the real part of the Compton amplitude, and does not scale.

The physical picture which this discussion paints is that for $(p+q)^2 > 0$ the perturbation expansion diverges and the structure function is built up entirely from mesonic final states. Nevertheless, the asymptotic behavior of the resonance sum replicates exactly that which would result from the handbag diagram with scattering from free quarks. Furthermore, as $x \rightarrow 1$, the structure function $\nu^2 W \sim (1-x)^{2\beta-1}$, where the exponent β gives the characteristic $(1/Q^2)^\beta$ fall-off of the meson form factor, which satisfies the Drell-Yan–West relation [204,205] (see Sec. V C 1 below). Since the resonances not only contribute to but saturate the scaling function, the model provides a graphic and quantitative illustration of the duality between bound state resonances and the scaling function.

What conclusions can be extrapolated from the duality in 1+1 dimensions to the more realistic case of QCD in 3+1 dimensions? A partial step in this direction was made recently by Batiz and Gross [206], who generalized the 't Hooft model by extending spinor degrees of freedom to 3+1 dimensions. One of the complications of three spatial dimensions lies in demonstrating that the transverse degrees of freedom, such as massless gluons, are damped and that only massive hadrons arise [198]. Nevertheless in the large- N_c limit one expects that $q\bar{q}$ bound states will still be narrow, so that local duality must still be invoked. Beyond the $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit, however, resonances will acquire finite widths, and one can expect complications with mixing of resonant and nonresonant background contributions. In addition, confinement has of course not been proved in 3+1 dimensions, rendering the discussion suggestive but not rigorous. Instead, in the literature one usually resorts to quark models to learn how duality may arise in Nature. In the following we examine several model studies which may shed light on how scaling can coexist with confinement in QCD.

b. Nonrelativistic Models To obtain clues about how the disparate regimes of confinement and asymptotic freedom could coexist in QCD, Greenberg [207] studied a nonrelativistic model of two scalar quarks each with mass m bound by a harmonic oscillator potential,

$V(r) \sim m\omega^2 r^2$, where ω is the harmonic oscillator eigenfrequency.¹ The choice of potential was motivated partly by simplicity, and partly by the expectation that quarks interacting via a harmonic oscillator would be more free at short distances than for a Coulombic potential, leading to a more rapid approach to scaling. A similar model was subsequently discussed by Gurvitz & Rinat [208], in which other potentials, such as an infinite square well, were considered.

Solving a two-body Schrödinger equation yields solutions for the wave functions $\psi_n(r)$ for the n -th energy level of the bound state system in terms of Hermite polynomials. The structure function for scattering from the $n = 0$ ground state can then be written [207]

$$\mathcal{W} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} |\phi_n|^2 \delta \left(q_0 - n\omega - \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2M} \right), \quad (123)$$

where ϕ_n is defined in terms of the wave function $\psi_n(r)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_n^a &= \frac{\sqrt{n!}}{(-i)^n} \int dz \psi_0(z) \psi_n(z) \exp \left(-\frac{iqz}{2} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\vec{q}^2}{2M\omega} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left(-\frac{\vec{q}^2}{4M\omega} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (124)$$

where $M = 2m$ is the sum of the quark masses, and \vec{q} is chosen to be in the $+z$ direction, with $q = |\vec{q}|$. Introducing a nonrelativistic scaling variable,

$$x_{\text{nr}} = \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2Mq_0}, \quad (125)$$

and using Stirling's formula to approximate $n!$ at large n , the structure function of the system becomes

$$\mathcal{W} \approx \frac{1}{\pi^2} \exp(-2\eta f(x_{\text{nr}})) \sum_n \delta \left(\frac{\eta(1 - x_{\text{nr}})}{x_{\text{nr}} - n} \omega \right), \quad (126)$$

where $\eta = \vec{q}^2/2M\omega$, and

$$f(x_{\text{nr}}) = 1 - \frac{1}{2x_{\text{nr}}} + \frac{1 - x_{\text{nr}}}{x_{\text{nr}}} \ln \left(\frac{m_a}{m_b} \frac{1 - x_{\text{nr}}}{x_{\text{nr}}} \right). \quad (127)$$

Each term in the sum in (126) comes from a different excitation of the ab bound state. Note that the relevant variable here is \vec{q}^2 rather than the four-momentum transfer squared, $Q^2 = \vec{q}^2 - q_0^2$. Replacing the sum over n in Eq. (126) with an integral over n (or averaging over \vec{q}^2 at fixed x_{nr}) then gives [207]

$$\mathcal{W} \approx \frac{1}{\pi^2 \omega} [\exp(-2\eta f(x_{\text{nr}}))]^2. \quad (128)$$

¹In fact, Greenberg considered the case of unequal quark masses, however, for clarity we shall simplify the discussion to the equal mass case.

The function $f(x_{\text{nr}})$ is positive for $0 \leq x_{\text{nr}} \leq 1$, except for a quadratic zero at $x_{\text{nr}} = 1/2$, and at large \vec{q}^2 is approximately equal to

$$f(x_{\text{nr}}) \approx 4 \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 . \quad (129)$$

The structure function therefore vanishes for large \vec{q}^2 (η), except at the value of x_{nr} corresponding to the fraction of the bound state momentum carried by the quark, as expected in the parton model. This demonstrates that the deep inelastic limit of the structure function approaches the limit of incoherent elastic scattering off its constituents as though the constituents were free, and illustrates how the scaling limit can coexist with confinement.

c. Relativistic Models The above nonrelativistic model example demonstrates how the effects of final state interactions, which would spoil the interpretation of the structure function in terms of incoherent scattering from quark constituents, are suppressed at large momenta, even in the case of confining inter-quark forces. For deep inelastic scattering in the Bjorken limit, on the other hand, the energy transfer q_0 in the target rest frame is much greater than the mass of the hadron, $q_0 \gg M$, while the nonrelativistic approach holds only if $q_0 \ll M$. It is pertinent, therefore, to ask whether the effects of final state interactions are still suppressed even as one probes the region of relativistic momenta.

An attempt to address this question was made by Gurvitz [209] within a relativistic Bethe-Salpeter framework. As with the above nonrelativistic model, the constituents and the virtual photon were all taken to be scalars. The structure function W here can be expressed in terms of the relativistic bound state wave function Φ , which represents the solution of the Bethe-Salpeter equation in the ladder approximation,

$$W = \frac{1}{\pi} \Im m \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 p'}{(2\pi)^4} \Phi(P, p) \langle p | G(P + q) | p' \rangle \Phi(P, p') , \quad (130)$$

where P and p are the bound state and struck quark momenta, with corresponding masses M and m , respectively, and G is the full Green's function. Expanding the structure function in powers of $1/q$,

$$\nu W = \mathcal{F}_0 + \frac{\mathcal{F}_1}{Q^2} + \dots , \quad (131)$$

the leading (scaling) term was found [209] to be

$$\mathcal{F}_0 = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{\nu}{q} \int_{|\tilde{y}|}^{\infty} dp \frac{p}{E_p} |\Phi(P, p)|^2 , \quad (132)$$

where $E_p = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m_s^2}$ is the energy of the spectator system (antiquark for a mesonic $q\bar{q}$ state or diquark for a three-quark bound state), with m_s the spectator mass. The variable \tilde{y} is the minimal momentum of the struck quark,

$$\tilde{y}(x, Q^2) = \frac{M(1-x)^2 - m_s^2/M}{\sqrt{(1-x)^2 + 4m_s^2 x^2/Q^2} + \sqrt{(1-x)^2 + 4M^2 x^2(1-x)^2/Q^2}} , \quad (133)$$

which in the nonrelativistic limit reduces to the West scaling variable y [210],

$$\tilde{y} \rightarrow y \equiv -\frac{q}{2} + \frac{m\omega}{q} , \quad (134)$$

for the case of zero binding, $m + m_s = M$. After integrating over momenta, the structure function \mathcal{F}_0 was found to depend only on the scaling variable \tilde{x} ,

$$\tilde{x} = \frac{x + \sqrt{1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2} - \sqrt{(1-x)^2 + 4m_s^2x^2/Q^2}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2}} , \quad (135)$$

which corresponds to the light-cone fraction of the bound state carried by off-shell struck quark. In fact, the variables \tilde{x} and \tilde{y} are related by

$$\tilde{x} = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{m_s^2 + \tilde{y}^2} + \tilde{y}}{M} . \quad (136)$$

As well as accounting for target mass effects as in the Nachtmann variable ξ , Eq. (45), the variable \tilde{x} includes in addition dynamical corrections to the x -scaling through the m_s dependent term in Eq. (135), which are not accounted for in ξ . The use of the modified scaling variables explicitly removes kinematical $1/Q^2$ corrections, and allows a more effective separation of the leading-twist and higher-twist effects.

Going beyond the scalar approximation, Pace, Salme & Lev [211] explicitly incorporated spin degrees of freedom of the hadronic constituents in their study of the compatibility of confinement with scaling in DIS. Using light-cone Hamiltonian dynamics, the authors consider a system of two relativistic spin-1/2 particles with mass m interacting via a relativistic harmonic oscillator potential, $V(r) = (a^4/m)r^2$, where a is a constant with dimensions of mass. The light-cone, or front-form, dynamics allows one to determine the energy spectrum and wave functions exactly from the correspondence between the relativistic wave equation for the mass operator and the nonrelativistic Schrödinger equation. The energy of the n -th excited state of this system is then given by

$$E_n = (M_n^2 - 4m^2)/4m , \quad (137)$$

where M_n is the mass of the n -th excited state,

$$M_n = 2\sqrt{m^2 + a^2(2n+3)} , \quad (138)$$

and $n = n_x + n_y + n_z$. In the weak binding limit, $a \ll m$, the structure function F_1 (or F_2) is calculated by summing over the discrete states n ,

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{m^2x^4}{8\pi^2(1-x)Q^2} \sum_n \delta\left(x - \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + 8a^2n}\right) (f^2(n, x)) , \quad (139)$$

where $f(n, x)$ depends explicitly on the wave functions, and x is the usual Bjorken scaling variable. In the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$, $f(n, x)$ reduces to [211]

$$f(n, x) \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{8\pi} a \chi(x)}{m x^{3/2}}, \quad (140)$$

where $\chi(x)$ is proportional to the ground state wave function,

$$\chi(x) = \left(\frac{2\sqrt{\pi}m}{a} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left[-k_z(x)/2a^2 \right], \quad (141)$$

with $k_z(x) = m(x - 1/2)/\sqrt{x(1-x)}$.

The correspondence between the structure function in terms of a discrete spectrum of δ -functions and the continuous, smooth scaling function versus x is implemented by averaging, or smearing, over the experimental resolution in bins of x and Q^2 . Averaging over an interval of $\langle x \rangle \in [x, x+\delta x]$, such that $\delta x \ll \langle x \rangle$, Pace *et al.* [211] define the smeared structure function

$$\bar{F}_1(\langle x \rangle, Q^2) \equiv \frac{1}{\delta x} \int_x^{x+\delta x} dx F_1(x, Q^2). \quad (142)$$

At large Q^2 there are many states n which populate the region $Q^2/(Q^2 + 8a^2n) \in [x, x + \delta x]$ (see Eq. (139)), so that the integral in Eq. (142) becomes a smooth function of Q^2 . In the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) the structure function then becomes a scaling function of x ,

$$F_1(x) \longrightarrow \frac{\chi(x)^2}{8\pi x(1-x)}. \quad (143)$$

Therefore the result for $F_1(x, Q^2)$ is indeed compatible with the parton model once an average over bins of x is performed. The issue of averaging is a crucial one in relating structure functions calculated in hadronic and partonic bases, and we shall return to this in Sec. VB2 below. This example also demonstrates that the usual interpretation of the Bjorken variable x as the momentum fraction of the struck quark is still valid in a relativistic framework, in the presence of strong final state interactions.

d. Phenomenological Models The above models have focused on understanding the qualitative features of the appearance of scaling from hadronic degrees of freedom, with only remote connections to the empirical spectrum of resonances from which the scaling function is built up. In a more phenomenological approach, as an early alternative to the parton model, Domokos *et al.* [212–214] showed that one could accommodate structure function scaling by summing over resonances parameterized by Q^2 -dependent form factors.

Assuming a harmonic oscillator-like spectrum of nucleon excitations, in which the mass of the n -th excited state was given by $M_n^2 = (n+1)\Lambda^2$, with n an integer and Λ some mass scale, analytic expressions for the structure function were obtained by including contributions from positive and negative parity states with spin $1/2, 3/2, \dots, n+1/2$, with n even and n odd corresponding to isospin $1/2$ and $3/2$ excitations, respectively. The structure function F_2 was then given by a sum of transition form factors weighted by kinematical factors [212]. Although both electric and magnetic form factors contribute to the resonance sum, at high Q^2 the structure function becomes dominated by the magnetic coupling, in which case the transition form factors can be parameterized by

$$G_n(Q^2) = \frac{\mu_n}{(1 + Q^2 r^2 / M_n^2)^2} , \quad (144)$$

where μ_n here is the magnetic moment for the state n , and the parameter $r^2 \approx 1.41$. In the Bjorken limit the summation over discrete states is replaced by an integration over the variable $z \equiv M_n^2 / Q^2$,

$$F_2 \sim (\omega' - 1)^{1/2} (\mu_{1/2}^2 + \mu_{3/2}^2) \frac{\Gamma_0}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dz \frac{z^{3/2} (1 + r^2/z)^{-4}}{z + 1 - \omega' + \Gamma_0^2 z^2} , \quad (145)$$

where $\omega' = \omega + M^2 / Q^2$ is the scaling variable introduced by Bloom & Gilman [2,3], and a Breit-Wigner form has been introduced to smear the narrow resonances,

$$\delta(W^2 - M_n^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma_n M_n}{(W^2 - M_n^2)^2 + \Gamma_n^2 M_n^2} , \quad (146)$$

with Γ_n the total width for the n -th state. The parameter $\Gamma_0 \approx 0.13$ in Eq. (145) is obtained from the slope of $\Gamma_n M_n$ versus M_n^2 for the existing nucleon and Δ resonances (see Ref. [12] of [212]). The replacement of the summation over the discrete set of δ -functions by a continuous integral amounts to an averaging over neighboring regions of W , which becomes a better approximation at increasingly higher Q^2 .

From Eq. (145) one sees that the resonance summation indeed yields a scaling function in the Bjorken limit. Furthermore, in the narrow resonance approximation, $\Gamma_n \rightarrow 0$, this simplifies even further, with the structure function depending only on the magnetic moments and the scaling variable ω' ,

$$F_2 \sim (\mu_{1/2}^2 + \mu_{3/2}^2) \frac{(\omega' - 1)^3}{(\omega' - 1 + r^2)^4} . \quad (147)$$

In particular, this form exhibits the correct $\omega' \rightarrow 1$ behavior according to the Drell-Yan-West relation [204,205], and the empirical dependence of structure functions in the $x \rightarrow 1$ limit (see Sec. V C 1 below). Similar arguments have also been used to derive scaling in spin-dependent [213] and neutrino structure functions [214] from sums over resonant excitations.

2. Resonances and the Transition to Scaling

The above models (nonrelativistic, relativistic and phenomenological) provide graphic illustrations of the compatibility of confinement and asymptotic scaling in DIS, however, they do not address the question of the origin of Bloom-Gilman duality at *finite* Q^2 . The behavior of structure functions in the region of transition from resonance dominance to scaling, and the onset of Bloom-Gilman duality in the *preasymptotic* region, was examined recently by several authors [102,197,215–217] in dynamical models. As we shall see, the issue of averaging and smearing the δ -function spikes in the resonance sum is rather more important here than in the Bjorken limit, since it determines to a large extent the shape of the resonance structure function, and the speed with which the scaling function is approached.

In this section we generalize the models introduced above to the case of finite Q^2 , and examine specifically how the resonance structures, which dominate the structure function

at low Q^2 , dual the scaling function which characterizes scattering at asymptotic Q^2 . While the models may give rise to scaling at high Q^2 , it is not *a priori* obvious that the resonance structure functions need approach the scaling limit uniformly, and the origin of the empirical oscillations about the scaling curve discussed in Sec. IV needs to be understood.

We begin the discussion with a recent phenomenological study of duality in which the structure function at low Q^2 is built up from the known resonances below $W \approx 2$ GeV. With increasing Q^2 , the phenomenological approach quickly becomes intractable, however, and a quark-level description becomes more viable. We illustrate how low- Q^2 duality arises in simple quark models, firstly considering the simplified case of scattering from a single quark bound to an infinitely massive core, and then to the more realistic case of several quark charges. The latter case is important in clarifying the puzzle of how the square of the sum of quark charges (coherent scattering) can yield the sum of the squares of quark charges (incoherent scattering).

a. Resonance Parameterizations A phenomenological model of the structure functions in the resonance region was constructed recently by Davidovsky & Struminsky [218], in the spirit of the earlier work of Domokos *et al.* [212–214], but with additional physical constraints for the threshold behavior as $\vec{q} \rightarrow 0$, and the asymptotic behavior as $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$. In terms of the helicity amplitudes $G_m^R(Q^2)$ for a given resonance R [219],

$$G_m^R(Q^2) = \frac{1}{2M} \langle R(\lambda_R) \mid \epsilon_{(m)}^\mu \cdot J_\mu(0) \mid N(\lambda = 1/2) \rangle, \quad (148)$$

where $\epsilon_{(m)}^\mu$ is the photon polarization vector for helicity m ($m = 0, \pm$), and $\lambda_R = m - 1/2$ is the helicity of the resonance R , the contributions to the spin-averaged F_1 and F_2 and spin-dependent g_1 and g_2 structure functions of the nucleon can be written [218,219] as

$$F_1^R = M^2 \left[|G_+^R|^2 + |G_-^R|^2 \right] \delta(W^2 - M_R^2), \quad (149)$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2}\right) F_2^R = M\nu \left[|G_+^R|^2 + 2|G_0^R|^2 + |G_-^R|^2 \right] \delta(W^2 - M_R^2), \quad (150)$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2}\right) g_1^R = M^2 \left[|G_+^R|^2 - |G_-^R|^2 + (-1)^{J_R-1/2} \eta_R \frac{\sqrt{2Q^2}}{\nu} G_0^{R*} G_+^R \right] \delta(W^2 - M_R^2), \quad (151)$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2}\right) g_2^R = -M^2 \left[|G_+^R|^2 - |G_-^R|^2 - (-1)^{J_R-1/2} \eta_R \frac{\nu\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{Q^2}} G_0^{R*} G_+^R \right] \delta(W^2 - M_R^2), \quad (152)$$

with J_R and η_R the total spin and parity of the resonance R , respectively. Apart from the nucleon elastic, and to some extent the $N \rightarrow \Delta$ transition, the detailed Q^2 dependence of the form factors $G_m^R(Q^2)$ is not known. On the other hand, there are firm predictions from perturbative QCD for the asymptotic $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ behavior of the form factors, which can be used to constrain the phenomenological parameterizations. Using in addition the known constraints from the $|\vec{q}| \rightarrow 0$ behavior of the form factors at threshold, and the value at the photon point, $Q^2 = 0$, the form factors were parameterized in Refs. [218,220] as

$$|G_\pm^R(Q^2)|^2 = |G_\pm^R(0)|^2 \left(\frac{|\vec{q}|}{|\vec{q}|_0} \frac{\Lambda'^2}{Q^2 + \Lambda'^2} \right)^{\gamma_1} \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2 + \Lambda^2} \right)^{m_\pm}, \quad (153)$$

$$|G_0^R(Q^2)|^2 = C^2 \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + \Lambda'^2} \right)^{2a} \frac{q_0^2}{|\vec{q}|^2} \left(\frac{|\vec{q}|}{|\vec{q}|_0} \frac{\Lambda'^2}{Q^2 + \Lambda'^2} \right)^{\gamma_2} \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2 + \Lambda^2} \right)^{m_0}, \quad (154)$$

where $\gamma_1 = 2J_R - 3$ and $\gamma_2 = 2J_R - 1$ for normal parity $\gamma^*N \rightarrow R$ transitions ($J^P = 1/2^+ \rightarrow 3/2^-, 5/2^+, 7/2^-, \dots$), and $\gamma_1 = 2J_R - 1$ and $\gamma_2 = 2J_R + 1$ for anomalous transitions ($1/2^+ \rightarrow 1/2^-, 3/2^+, 5/2^-, \dots$), with

$$|\vec{q}| = \frac{\sqrt{(M_R^2 - M^2 - Q^2)^2 + 4M_R^2 Q^2}}{2M_R}, \quad |\vec{q}|_0 \equiv |\vec{q}|(Q^2 = 0) = \frac{M_R^2 - M^2}{2M_R}. \quad (155)$$

The exponents in Eqs. (153) and (154) are given by $m_+ = 3$, $m_0 = 4$ and $m_- = 5$, and the parameters Λ^2 , Λ'^2 , Λ''^2 , a and C are determined empirically. Focusing on the F_2 structure function, one can easily verify that in the limit $x \rightarrow 1$ the resulting structure function behaves as $F_2(x) \sim (1-x)^{m_+}$, as required by pQCD counting rules (see Sec. VC1 below).

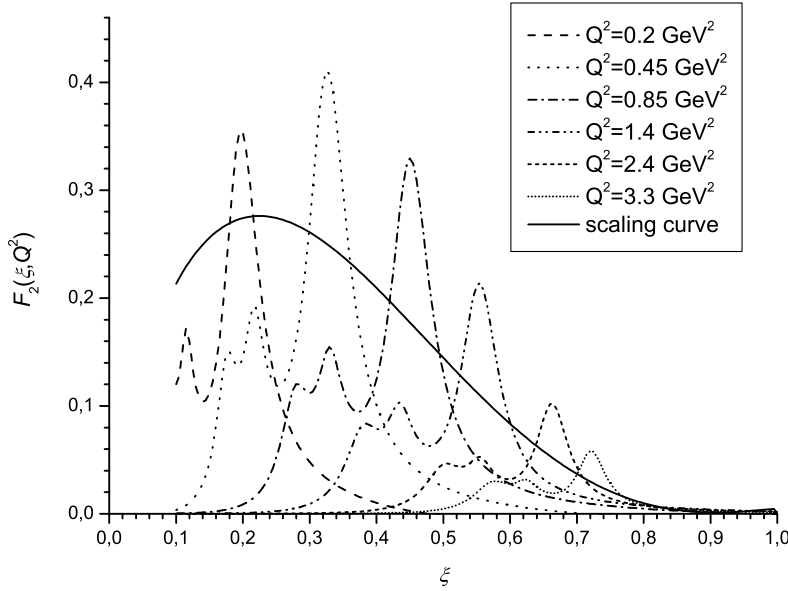


FIG. 56. Resonance contributions to the proton F_2^p structure function versus the Nachtmann scaling variable ξ in the model of Ref. [218]. The solid line is a parameterization of DIS data [7].

Summing over a total of 21 resonance states in the isospin-1/2 and isospin-3/2 channels with masses $M_R \lesssim 2$ GeV, the total F_2 structure function is shown in Fig. 56 as a function of the Nachtmann scaling variable ξ . The δ -functions in Eqs. (149)–(152) are smeared by a Breit-Wigner shape as in Eq. (146). The Δ resonance clearly provides the largest contribution. The nonresonant background contribution here is relatively small, so that as Q^2 increases the Δ peak moves to larger ξ , following the general trend of the scaling curve. On the other hand, the higher-mass resonances lie somewhat below (factor 2) the scaling curve at the Q^2 values shown, which reflects the absence of the nonresonant backgrounds

which are relatively more important for the higher-mass resonances. At lower ξ (higher W), a quantitative description of the data would require the inclusion of additional resonances beyond $M_R \sim 2$ GeV. This quickly becomes intractable, however, as little phenomenological information exists on $N \rightarrow R$ transitions at high W , and indicates that a quark-level description may be more feasible at these kinematics.

b. Harmonic Oscillator Model Despite the challenges in describing the transition to scaling in terms of phenomenological form factors, it is nevertheless vital to understand how the dynamics of resonances gives way to scaling. Recently Isgur *et al.* [197] addressed this problem in the context of a simple quark model, in which both the appearance of duality at low Q^2 and the onset of scaling at high Q^2 was studied. To simplify the problem Isgur *et al.* consider a spinless, charged quark of mass m confined to an infinitely massive core via a harmonic oscillator potential (see also Ref. [221]). For the case of scalar photons, the inclusive structure function is given by a sum of squares of transition form factors (as in the models discussed above) weighted by appropriate kinematic factors [197],

$$\mathcal{W}(\nu, \vec{q}) = \sum_{N=0}^{N_{\max}} \frac{1}{4E_0 E_N} |F_{0,N}(\vec{q})|^2 \delta(E_N - E_0 - \nu) . \quad (156)$$

The form factors $F_{0,N}$ represent transitions from the ground state to states characterized by the principal quantum number $N (\equiv l + 2k$, where k is the radial and l the orbital quantum numbers), and the sum over states N goes up to the maximum N_{\max} allowed at a given energy transfer ν . A related discussion which focuses on the response in the time-like region was given by Paris & Pandharipande [216].

The spectrum corresponding to this system can be determined by noting the similarity between the relativistic Klein-Gordon equation and the Schrödinger equation for a nonrelativistic harmonic oscillator with a potential $V^2(r) = \alpha r^2$, with α a generalized, relativistic string constant, which yields the same solutions for the wave functions. The energy eigenvalues in this case are given by $E = \pm E_N$, where $E_N = \sqrt{2\beta^2(N + 3/2) + m^2}$ and $\beta = \alpha^{1/4}$, and the excitation form factors are derived using the recurrence relations of the Hermite polynomials [197],

$$F_{0,N}(\vec{q}^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} i^N \left(\frac{|\vec{q}|}{\sqrt{2}\beta} \right)^N \exp(-\vec{q}^2/4\beta^2) . \quad (157)$$

This form factor is in fact the sum of all form factors for excitations from the ground state to degenerate states with the same principal quantum number N . A necessary condition for duality is that these form factors can represent the pointlike free quark. One can verify that $\sum_{N=0}^{N_{\max}} |F_{0,N}(\vec{q})|^2 \rightarrow 1$ as $N_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$, which follows from the completeness of the wave functions. For any individual contribution, $F_{0,N}(\vec{q})$ reaches its maximum value when $\vec{q}^2 = 2\beta^2 N$, at which point $F_{0,N}^2 = F_{0,N+1}^2$. This coincidence is true in fact for all juxtaposed partial waves at their peaks. Furthermore, using $\nu_N = E_N - E_0$ and $E_N = \sqrt{2\beta^2 N + E_0^2}$, one finds that $\nu_N = (\vec{q}_N^2 - \nu_N^2)/2E_0$, so that the position of the peak in the averaged structure function occurs at $Q^2/2m\nu = m/E_0$, which is the fraction of the bound system's light-cone momentum.

The scaling function corresponding to the structure function in Eq. (156) is given by

$$\mathcal{S}(u, Q^2) \equiv |\vec{q}| \mathcal{W} = \sqrt{\nu^2 + Q^2} \mathcal{W} , \quad (158)$$

with dimensions $[\text{mass}]^{-2}$. The scaling variable u is defined as

$$u = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\sqrt{\nu^2 + Q^2} - \nu \right) \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{Q^2}} \right) , \quad (159)$$

and takes into account both target mass and quark mass effects [15] (*cf.* the variable \tilde{x} in Eq. (135)). Note that the variable u in Eq. (159) is scaled by the quark mass, m , rather than the bound state mass, so that the range of u is between 0 and ∞ .

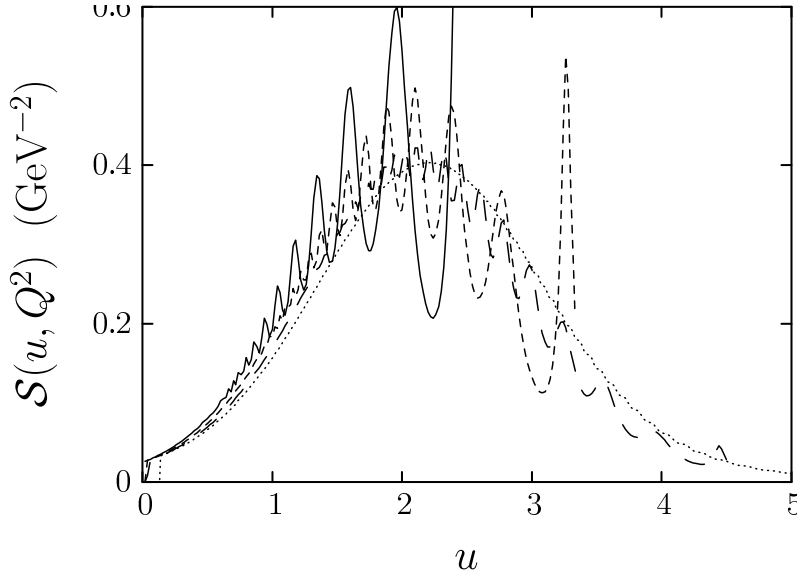


FIG. 57. Onset of scaling for the structure function $\mathcal{S}(u, Q^2)$ as a function of u for $Q^2 = 0.5$ (solid), $Q^2 = 1$ (short-dashed), 2 (long-dashed) and 5 GeV^2 (dotted). The widths for $N \geq 1$ has been arbitrarily set at $\Gamma_N = 100 \text{ MeV}$ with the elastic width set to $\Gamma_{N=0} = 30 \text{ MeV}$. (From Ref. [197].)

The structure function $\mathcal{S}(u, Q^2)$ is shown in Fig. 57 for several finite values of Q^2 , where for illustration the δ -functions have been smoothed by a Breit-Wigner shape with an arbitrary but small width, Γ_N (*cf.* Eq. (146)),

$$\delta(E_N - E_0 - \nu) \rightarrow \frac{\Gamma_N}{2\pi} \frac{f_N}{(E_N - E_0 - \nu)^2 + (\Gamma_N/2)^2} , \quad (160)$$

where the factor $f_N = \pi/[\pi/2 + \arctan 2(E_N - E_0)/\Gamma_N]$ ensures that the integral over the δ -function is identical to that over the Breit-Wigner shape. The resonance structure is quite evident in each of the low- Q^2 curves, with the amplitude of oscillation decreasing with increasing Q^2 . As Q^2 increases, each of the resonances moves out towards higher u ,

as dictated by kinematics. The right-most peak in each of the curves corresponds to the elastic contribution. At $Q^2 = 0$, this is in fact the only allowed state, and is equal to almost half of the asymptotic value of the integral over u . It remains rather prominent for $Q^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, though most of the function is by this point built up of excited states, and it becomes negligible for $Q^2 \geq 2 \text{ GeV}^2$.

For local duality to hold, the resonance “spikes” would be expected to oscillate around the scaling curve and to average to it, once Q^2 is large enough. Remarkably, even the curves at lower Q^2 tend to oscillate around the scaling curve. Note that these curves are at fixed Q^2 , but sweep over all ν . As ν is increased, more and more highly excited states are created, making the density of states larger at smaller u . In the continuum limit, where $N \rightarrow \infty$ and the density of states becomes very large, the resonance spikes die out and the structure function approaches its asymptotic value. Using Stirling’s formula, one can indeed show that the scaling function takes the analytic form [197]

$$\mathcal{S}(u) = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{\pi}\beta} \exp\left(-\frac{(E_0 - mu)^2}{\beta^2}\right). \quad (161)$$

The difference between the scaling function and the curve in Fig. 57 at 5 GeV^2 (dotted) is almost negligible. The asymptotic scaling function therefore straddles the oscillating resonance structure function in an apparently systematic manner. This is quite extraordinary given the very simple nature of the model, and points to the rather general nature of the phenomenon of duality.

c. Sum of Squares vs. Square or Sums Simple models such as the one discussed above are clearly valuable in providing physical insight into the dynamical origins of duality. However, one may wonder whether some of the qualitative features of duality and the onset of scaling here could be a consequence of the restriction to scattering from a single quark charge. In general, if one neglects differences between the quark flavors, the magnitude of the structure function F_2 is proportional to the sum of the squares of the (quark and antiquark) constituent charges, $\sum_q e_q^2$. On the other hand, the summation over resonance form factors is implicitly driven by the coherently summed square of constituent charges, $(\sum_q e_q)^2$, for each resonance. The basic question arises then: *How does the square of the sum become the sum of the squares?*

While the various examples above and in Sec. VB1 have illustrated how the coherent and incoherent descriptions can be merged at high energies, the question of the cancellation of the interference terms $\sum_{q \neq q'} e_q e_{q'}$ has been either side-stepped or neglected altogether in these discussions. For instance, in the ’t Hooft model the interference term was found not to scale following the smoothing of the δ -function discontinuity [198]. Moreover, by restricting oneself to a single quark charge, as in the model of Isgur *et al.* [197], the problem of interference terms does not arise at all. The physics of the cancellation of the interference terms, which are related to the higher-twist matrix elements responsible for violations of duality, is therefore not clear.

Close and Isgur [102] elucidated this problem by drawing attention to the necessary conditions for duality to occur for the general case of more than one quark charge. They considered a composite state made of two equal mass scalar quarks with charges e_1 and e_2 , at

positions \vec{r}_1 and \vec{r}_2 , respectively, interacting via a harmonic oscillator potential. The ground state wave function for this system is denoted by $\psi_0(\vec{r})$, where $\vec{r}_{1,2} \equiv \vec{R} \pm \vec{r}/2$ is defined in terms of the center of mass (\vec{R}) and relative (\vec{r}) spatial coordinates. The amplitude for the system to absorb a photon of momentum \vec{q} is proportional to

$$e_1 e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}/2} + e_2 e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}/2} , \quad (162)$$

which can be rewritten as a sum and difference of the amplitudes as

$$(e_1 + e_2) \left(e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}/2} + e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}/2} \right) + (e_1 - e_2) \left(e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}/2} - e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}/2} \right) . \quad (163)$$

Using the partial wave expansion $\exp(iqz/2) = \sum_l i^l P_l(\cos\theta) j_l(qr/2)(2l+1)$ to project out even and odd partial waves, the form factor is generally given by

$$F_{0,N(l)}(\vec{q}) \sim \int dr r^2 \psi_l^*(r) \psi_0(r) j_l(qr/2) \\ \times [(e_1 + e_2)\delta_{l \text{ even}} + (e_1 - e_2)\delta_{l \text{ odd}}] , \quad (164)$$

where $N \equiv 2k + l$ with k the radial quantum number, and the wave function $\psi_l(\vec{r})$ describes the excitation of a resonant state with angular momentum l . The resulting structure function, summed over resonance excitations, will receive even- and odd- l contributions proportional to $(e_1 \pm e_2)^2$, respectively. For the harmonic oscillator potential the even and odd- l components also correspond to even and odd N , *i.e.*, $N = 2n$ and $N = 2n + 1$, respectively, with n an integer. Their contributions to the structure function can be written [102,215]

$$\mathcal{F}(\nu, \vec{q}) = \sum_{N(n)} \frac{1}{4E_0 E_N} \left\{ (e_1^2 + e_2^2) (F_{0,2n}^2(\vec{q}) + F_{0,2n+1}^2(\vec{q})) \right. \\ \left. + 2 e_1 e_2 (F_{0,2n}^2(\vec{q}) - F_{0,2n+1}^2(\vec{q})) \right\} \delta(E_N - E_0 - \nu) . \quad (165)$$

This representation reveals the physics rather clearly. The excitation amplitudes to resonance states contain both diagonal ($e_1^2 + e_2^2$) and nondiagonal ($\pm 2e_1 e_2$) terms, which are leading- and higher-twist, respectively. The former add constructively for any l , and the sum over the complete set of states yields the scaling structure function (“sum of squares”). The latter, on the other hand, enter with opposite phases for even and odd l , and hence interfere destructively. This exposes the critical point that *at least one complete set of even and odd parity resonances must be summed over* for duality to hold [102]. An explicit demonstration of how this cancellation takes place in the SU(6) quark model and its extensions is discussed in Sec. V C 2 below.

Turning now to the more physical case of a vector photon (but still scalar quark — see also Ref. [222,223]), the dominant structure function at large Q^2 is the longitudinal response function,

$$R_L(\vec{q}, \nu) = \sum_{N=0}^{N_{\max}} \frac{1}{4E_0 E_N} |f_{0,N}(\vec{q})|^2 (E_0 + E_N)^2 \delta(\nu + E_0 - E_N) , \quad (166)$$

where

$$|f_{0,N}(\vec{q})|^2 \equiv (e_1^2 + e_2^2) \left(F_{0,2n}^2(\vec{q}) + F_{0,2n+1}^2(\vec{q}) \right) + 2e_1e_2 \left(F_{0,2n}^2(\vec{q}) - F_{0,2n+1}^2(\vec{q}) \right) . \quad (167)$$

Once again the sum over N denotes the equivalent sum over n for $N = 2n$ and $N = 2n + 1$. In the limit of N (or n) $\rightarrow \infty$, the parity-even and odd partial waves sum to the same strengths, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_{0,2n}^2(\vec{q}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_{0,2n+1}^2(\vec{q})$, and the interference term proportional to e_1e_2 vanishes.

The cancellation of the cross terms is explicitly realized for the case of a harmonic oscillator potential, where the use of Stirling's formula in the continuum limit gives rise to the scaling longitudinal response function [215]

$$R_L(\vec{q}, \nu) = (e_1^2 + e_2^2) \frac{(\nu + 2E_0)^2}{4\beta E_0 \sqrt{\pi} \nu} \times \exp \left\{ \frac{\nu^2 + 2E_0\nu}{2\beta^2} \ln \left(\frac{Q^2 + \nu^2}{\nu^2 + 2E_0\nu} \right) - \frac{Q^2 + 2E_0\nu}{2\beta^2} \right\} . \quad (168)$$

The interference terms thus cancel exactly, leaving behind the purely incoherent contribution proportional to the squares of the quark charges.

Similar results have also been obtained recently by Harrington [217], who performed a detailed study of the relationship between coherent and incoherent descriptions of the structure function within this model and the cancellation of the higher-twist interference terms. Summing over the orbital angular momentum for each N , the contributions to the structure function from a transition to the state N were shown to be proportional to $e_1^2 + e_2^2 + 2e_1e_2(-1)^N$, which illustrates how the contributions from alternate energy levels tend to cancel for the e_1e_2 interference term.

For the case $e_1 = e_2 = e$, for which the charge factor in Eq. (168) alternates between $4e^2$ and 0, the contributions from the two particles cancel or add coherently for odd- and even-parity states, respectively [102,217]. The resulting (scaled) structure function $\tilde{q}\mathcal{F}(y)$ is plotted in Fig. 58 for several values of the dimensionless momentum $\tilde{q} = q/\sqrt{2m\omega}$. The scaling variable y is the dimensionless analog of the West scaling variable in Eq. (134), which is related to the component of a parton's momentum in the \vec{q} direction before the collision [205]. The resonance peaks, which have been broadened by a Breit-Wigner form (146), show clear oscillations about the scaling function, as in the earlier example in Fig. 57. As $q \rightarrow \infty$, the oscillations in the curves are damped out, and the curves approach the asymptotic scaling limit, in which the structure function is given by a Gaussian, $\tilde{q}\mathcal{F}(y) \rightarrow (2/\sqrt{\pi}) \exp(-y^2)$.

The approach to scaling can be further illuminated by considering the lowest moment of the structure function. Returning to the longitudinal response function $R_L(\vec{q}, \nu)$ in Eq. (168), integration over the energy transfer ν yields the sum rule [215]

$$S(\vec{q}) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\nu R_L(\vec{q}, \nu) \quad (169)$$

$$= e_1^2 + e_2^2 + 2e_1e_2 F_{0,0}(2\vec{q}) . \quad (170)$$

The correction to the scaling result is thus directly proportional to the elastic form factor, Eq. (157), which clearly illustrates how the interference term vanishes with increasing q .

What are the implications of these results for phenomenology? Close & Zhao speculate that analogous results also hold for the F_2 structure function, namely, for $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ one has at fixed x [215]:

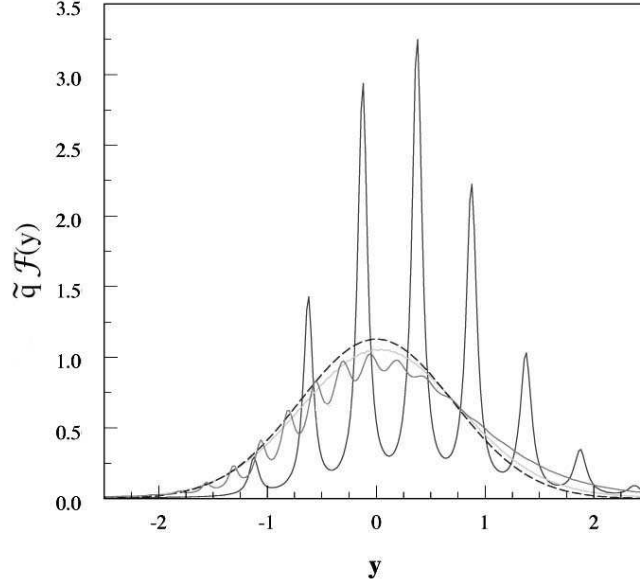


FIG. 58. Structure function $\tilde{q}\mathcal{F}$ as a function of the scaling variable y for dimensionless momentum transfers $\tilde{q} = 4$ (large peaks), 8 (small peaks), and 32 (smooth curve). The sharp energy levels have been given a width which increases from 0.2 to 2 as their energy increases. The dashed curve is the Gaussian limit of the scaled free particle. From Ref. [217].

$$F_2(x) \rightarrow (e_1^2 + e_2^2) \frac{x^2 M^2}{\beta \sqrt{\pi} E_0} \exp \left(-\frac{M^2}{\beta^2} \left(\frac{E_0}{M} - x \right)^2 \right). \quad (171)$$

The corresponding number sum rule, in analogy with Eq. (170), then becomes

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \frac{F_2(x)}{x} = e_1^2 + e_2^2, \quad (172)$$

which is reminiscent of the Gottfried sum rule in the parton model [224]. Furthermore, the momentum sum rule can be written as [215]

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx F_2(x) = (e_1^2 + e_2^2) \left(\frac{E_0}{M} + \frac{\beta^2}{2ME_0} \right). \quad (173)$$

Since the ground state energy for the harmonic oscillator potential is $E_0 = \sqrt{3\beta^2 + m^2}$, one can identify the potential strength β with the Fermi momentum of the constituent, $3\beta^2 \sim \vec{p}^2$, and the second term in Eq. (173) can be understood as a kinetic energy correction to the parton model result. The physics of the parton model is recovered in the weak binding limit, $\beta \rightarrow 0$, in which the constituents behave as if they were free. The structure function in this case reduces to a δ -function at $x = 1/2$ (for equal mass quarks), and the momentum (energy) carried by the constituents is then given by

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx F_2(x) = (e_1^2 + e_2^2) \frac{E_0}{M}, \quad (174)$$

exactly as expected in the naive parton model.

In summary, we have observed the onset of scaling and the appearance of duality in a variety of quark models in which the structure function is explicitly obtained from sums of form factors for transitions to excited states. The harmonic oscillator potential is the prototypical example, allowing the computation of the excited state spectrum to be made exact. However, other inter-quark potentials also produce similar behavior, which suggests that the phenomenon of quark-hadron duality may indeed be a fundamental property of confined systems. An important finding of these studies is the identification of the pattern of constructive and destructive interference between resonances by which the sum of coherent effects can be transformed into an incoherent process, as in the parton model. The generality of these results for arbitrary potentials, including ones which have strong short-range repulsion [221], remains an important question for future study.

C. Local Duality: Phenomenological Applications

In Section V A we showed how *global* duality, or moments of structure functions, can be understood within the operator product expansion of QCD, in terms of suppression of higher-twist contributions. The interpretation of *local* duality, on the other hand, is more elusive in QCD. In Section V B various dynamical models were examined in order to gain some insight into the microscopic origin of local duality. To maintain clarity, and illustrate the main qualitative features of duality, most of these models were at best gross oversimplifications of Nature (for instance, assuming scalar quarks), with only remote contact with experiment. The richness of the empirical data which demonstrate duality both in unpolarized and polarized scattering obviously calls for more realistic theoretical descriptions, if contact with experiment is to be achieved.

In this section we wish to explore local duality from the perspective of its phenomenological applications, focusing in particular on the relations between structure functions in the resonance region (low W and large x) and transition form factors. We start by considering the simplest, and at the same time most extreme, application of local duality, for the case of elastic scattering. Following this we discuss predictions for structure functions based on low-lying resonances in the nonrelativistic quark model and its extensions.

1. Local Elastic Duality

With accurate enough data, one can study the degree to which local duality occurs for specific resonance regions, or even individual resonances. Of course, to extract information on a given resonance from inclusive data requires understanding of nonresonant background contributions to the structure function, as well as contributions from the tails of neighboring resonances. Inherently, the extraction of resonance properties is a model-dependent procedure, and in practice one uses models, such as Breit-Wigner shapes for resonances, to isolate the resonance and background contributions. The one exception that does not suffer from this ambiguity is the nucleon *elastic* component: below the pion production threshold the *only* contribution to the cross section is from elastic scattering.

a. Drell-Yan-West Relation and Quark Counting Rules Exploration of the exclusive-inclusive (or form factor-structure function) interface [225–229] is as old as the first DIS experiments themselves. A quantitative connection between structure functions at threshold and elastic form factors was first made by Drell & Yan [204] and West [205], who related the high- Q^2 behavior of the elastic Dirac form factor $F_1(Q^2)$,

$$F_1(Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right)^n, \quad Q^2 \rightarrow \infty, \quad (175)$$

with the threshold ($x \rightarrow 1$) behavior of the structure function $\nu W_2(x)$,

$$\nu W_2(x) \sim (1-x)^{2n-1}, \quad x \rightarrow 1. \quad (176)$$

The power-law behavior of the form factor is simply related to the suppression of the structure functions in the limit where one quark carries all of the hadron’s momentum.

Drell & Yan based their derivation on earlier work on a canonical pion-nucleon field theory in which the partons of the physical nucleon were taken to be point-like (bare) nucleons and pions [230]. The basic assumption was that in the infinite momentum frame there exists a region in which Q^2 can be made larger than the transverse components of the constituents. Without specifying the nature of the partons, on the other hand, West [205] used a field-theoretic description of a nucleon in terms of a scalar quark and a residual system of a definite mass, and derived Eqs. (175) and (176) by requiring that the asymptotic behavior of the nucleon-quark vertex function is damped sufficiently at large internal momenta.

Although derived before the advent of QCD, the Drell-Yan-West relation, as Eqs. (175) and (176) have come to be known, can be expressed in perturbative QCD language in terms of hard gluon exchange. The pertinent observation is that deep inelastic scattering at $x \sim 1$ probes a highly asymmetric configuration in the nucleon in which one of the quarks goes far off-shell after the exchange of at least two hard gluons in the initial state; elastic scattering, on the other hand, requires at least two gluons in the final state to redistribute the large Q^2 absorbed by the recoiling quark [231]. The exponent n can therefore be interpreted as the minimum number of hard gluons that need to be exchanged between quarks in the nucleon [225,232], which gives rise to the so-called “pQCD counting rules”. A clear prediction of the counting rules is that the $x \rightarrow 1$ limit is dominated by scattering from quarks with the same helicity as the nucleon [55] (also known as “hadron helicity conservation”). In general, the quark distributions in a hadron h are predicted to behave as

$$q^h(x) \sim (1-x)^{2n-1+2\Delta\lambda}, \quad x \rightarrow 1, \quad (177)$$

where $\Delta\lambda = |\lambda_h - \lambda_q|$ is the difference between the helicities of the hadron and the interacting quark (see also Ref. [54]). Scattering from quarks with helicity antialigned with respect to that of the nucleon is therefore suppressed by a relative factor $(1-x)^2$ [55]. For the case of a pion, since $\lambda_\pi = 0$, the leading behavior of the quark distribution is expected to be $(1-x)^2$ [55].

The relation between the power-law behavior of the form factor at large Q^2 and the $x \rightarrow 1$ suppression of the structure function in Eqs. (175) and (176) also arises at the hadronic level from local duality, by considering the interplay between resonances and scaling. In the

narrow resonance approximation, if the contribution of a resonance of mass M_R to the F_2 structure function at large Q^2 is given by

$$F_2^R = 2M\nu \left(G_R(Q^2) \right)^2 \delta(W^2 - M_R^2) , \quad (178)$$

then a form factor behavior

$$G_R(Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} \right)^n \quad (179)$$

translates, for $Q^2 \gg M_R^2$, into a scaling function

$$F_2^R \sim (1 - x_R)^{2n-1} , \quad (180)$$

where $x_R = Q^2/(M_R^2 - M^2 + Q^2)$. The asymptotic behavior of the form factor and structure function is therefore the same as that predicted at the partonic level in the Drell-Yan-West relation, Eqs. (175) and (176).

b. Threshold Duality Relations The elastic contributions to the inclusive structure functions can be expressed in terms of the elastic electric and magnetic form factors, G_E and G_M , by noting that for elastic scattering the helicity amplitudes in Eqs. (149)–(152) reduce to [219]

$$G_+ \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{2M^2}} G_M , \quad (181)$$

$$G_0 \rightarrow G_E , \quad (182)$$

$$G_- \rightarrow 0 . \quad (183)$$

The elastic spin-averaged structure functions can then be written as

$$F_1^{\text{el}} = M\tau G_M^2 \delta \left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2M} \right) , \quad (184)$$

$$F_2^{\text{el}} = \frac{2M\tau}{1+\tau} (G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2) \delta \left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2M} \right) , \quad (185)$$

where $\tau = Q^2/4M^2$. For spin-dependent structure functions one has [177,219]

$$g_1^{\text{el}} = \frac{M\tau}{1+\tau} G_M (G_E + \tau G_M) \delta \left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2M} \right) , \quad (186)$$

$$g_2^{\text{el}} = \frac{M\tau^2}{1+\tau} G_M (G_E - G_M) \delta \left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2M} \right) . \quad (187)$$

In their original paper, Bloom & Gilman [2] suggested that if one carries the idea of local duality to an extreme, and makes the assumption that the area under the elastic peak in the measured structure function at large Q^2 is the same as the area under the scaling-limit curve, then one could relate the integral of the scaling function below threshold to the

elastic form factors. For the $\nu W_2(=F_2)$ structure function in Eq. (185), integrating over the Bloom-Gilman scaling variable $\omega' = (2M\nu + M^2)/Q^2$, they find [2]

$$\int_1^{1+W_t^2/Q^2} d\omega' \nu W_2(\omega') = \frac{2M}{Q^2} \int d\nu \nu W_2^{\text{el}}(\nu, Q^2) \quad (188)$$

$$= \frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} . \quad (189)$$

To give meaning to the integration over the δ -function, the integral in Eq. (189) runs from the unphysical value $\omega' = 1$ up to an ω' corresponding to a hadron mass $W = W_t$ near the physical pion threshold.

In QCD language, De Rújula *et al.* [6] showed that one could express the threshold relation (185) as an integral over the Nachtmann scaling variable ξ between the pion threshold ξ_{th} and $\xi = 1$, which also includes the unphysical region between the elastic nucleon pole at $\xi_0 \equiv \xi(x=1) = 2/(1 + \sqrt{1+1/\tau})$ and $\xi = 1$. Integrating the elastic structure functions over ξ between the pion threshold ξ_{th} and $\xi = 1$, one finds for the unpolarized and polarized [233] structure functions [234]:

$$\int_{\xi_{\text{th}}}^1 d\xi \xi^{n-2} F_1(\xi, Q^2) = \frac{\xi_0^n}{4 - 2\xi_0} G_M^2(Q^2) , \quad (190)$$

$$\int_{\xi_{\text{th}}}^1 d\xi \xi^{n-2} F_2(\xi, Q^2) = \frac{\xi_0^n}{2 - \xi_0} \frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} , \quad (191)$$

$$\int_{\xi_{\text{th}}}^1 d\xi \xi^{n-2} g_1(\xi, Q^2) = \frac{\xi_0^n}{4 - 2\xi_0} \frac{G_M(Q^2)(G_E(Q^2) + \tau G_M(Q^2))}{1 + \tau} , \quad (192)$$

$$\int_{\xi_{\text{th}}}^1 d\xi \xi^{n-2} g_2(\xi, Q^2) = \frac{\xi_0^n}{4 - 2\xi_0} \frac{\tau G_M(Q^2)(G_E(Q^2) - G_M(Q^2))}{1 + \tau} . \quad (193)$$

where $\xi_{\text{th}} = \xi(x_{\text{th}} = Q^2/(W_{\text{th}}^2 - M^2 + Q^2))$, with $W_{\text{th}} = M + m_\pi$. The local duality hypothesis is that the structure functions $F_{1,2}$ and $g_{1,2}$ under the integrals are independent of Q^2 , and are functions of ξ only. From Eq. (191) De Rújula *et al.* [6] extracted the proton's G_M^p form factor, assuming that the ratio G_E^p/G_M^p is sufficiently constrained, from resonance data on the F_2^p structure function at large ξ .

More recently Ent *et al.* [235] used high-precision Jefferson Lab data to make a quantitative test of the threshold relations using a slightly modified extraction procedure. Namely, the integral obtained from the resonance data, which stop at the pion threshold ξ_{th} rather than at $\xi = 1$, is subtracted from the scaling integrals, and G_M^p then extracted from the remaining integrated strength. Figure 59 shows the resulting proton magnetic form factor G_M^p extracted using the NMC (open circles) and Jefferson Lab (filled circles) scaling curves for F_2^p . In both cases the extracted form factor is found to be in remarkable agreement with the parameterization of the world data on G_M^p [236]. For the case of the Jefferson Lab scaling curve, the G_M^p fit is reproduced quite well, to within $\lesssim 30\%$ accuracy, for Q^2 from 0.2 GeV² up to ~ 4 GeV².

Ent *et al.* [235] showed that one can also extract the G_E^p/G_M^p ratio from values of R , making use of Eqs. (190) and (191). However, more precise data on R at large ξ are needed [174] for one to be able to make quantitative predictions.

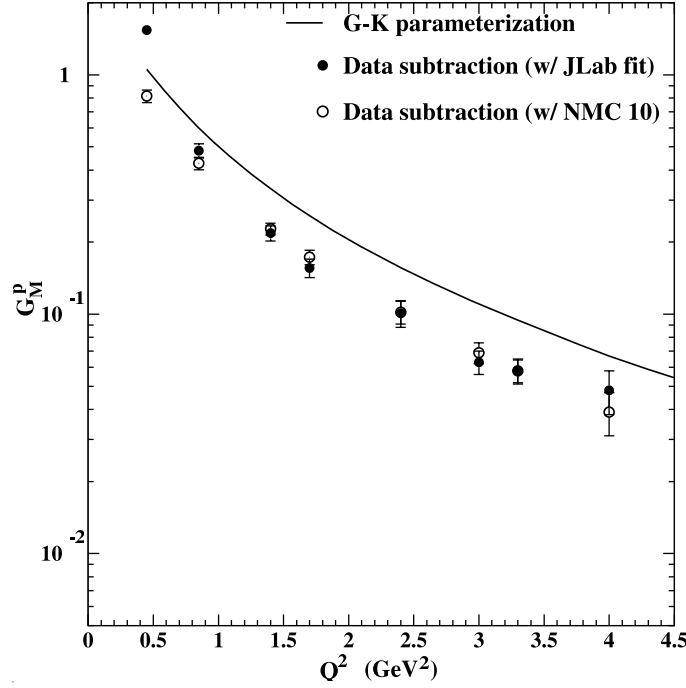


FIG. 59. Proton magnetic form factor G_M^p extracted from the inelastic scaling curves (from NMC and JLab) using local duality, and compared with the Gari-Krumpelmann parameterization [236] of the world's G_M^p data. (From Ref. [235].)

c. Structure Functions in the $x \rightarrow 1$ Limit Applying the duality argument in reverse, one can formally differentiate the local elastic duality relations with respect to Q^2 to express the scaling functions in terms of Q^2 derivatives of elastic form factors [2]. For the νW_2 structure function, for example, Bloom & Gilman find [2,3]

$$\nu W_2(\omega' = 1 + W_t^2/Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{1 - \omega'} \frac{d}{dQ^2} \left(\frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \right). \quad (194)$$

Relations for the other structure functions can also be derived [237,238,240] in terms of the elastic form factors and their derivatives. In particular, differentiating both sides of Eqs. (190)–(193) with respect to ξ (or Q^2) and changing variables from ξ to x , one finds

$$F_1(x = x_{\text{th}}) = \beta \frac{dG_M^2}{dQ^2}, \quad (195)$$

$$F_2(x = x_{\text{th}}) = \beta \left\{ \frac{G_M^2 - G_E^2}{2M^2(1 + \tau)^2} + \frac{2}{1 + \tau} \left(\frac{dG_E^2}{dQ^2} + \tau \frac{dG_M^2}{dQ^2} \right) \right\}, \quad (196)$$

$$g_1(x = x_{\text{th}}) = \beta \left\{ \frac{G_M(G_M - G_E)}{4M^2(1 + \tau)^2} + \frac{1}{1 + \tau} \left(\frac{d(G_E G_M)}{dQ^2} + \tau \frac{dG_M^2}{dQ^2} \right) \right\}, \quad (197)$$

$$g_2(x = x_{\text{th}}) = \beta \left\{ \frac{G_M(G_E - G_M)}{4M^2(1 + \tau)^2} + \frac{\tau}{1 + \tau} \left(\frac{d(G_E G_M)}{dQ^2} - \frac{dG_M^2}{dQ^2} \right) \right\}, \quad (198)$$

where the kinematic factor $\beta = (Q^4/M^2)(\xi_0^2/x\xi^3)(2x-\xi)/(2\xi_0-4)$. Note that the structure functions in Eqs. (194)–(198) are evaluated at the pion production threshold, $x = x_{\text{th}}$, coming from the lower limits of integration in Eqs. (190)–(193). (See also Refs. [239,240] for a generalization to the case of neutrino scattering.) Asymptotically, each of the structure functions F_1 , F_2 and g_1 is found to be determined by the slope of the square of the magnetic form factor [237],

$$F_1, F_2, g_1 \sim \frac{dG_M^2}{dQ^2}, \quad Q^2 \rightarrow \infty, \quad (199)$$

while g_2 , which is associated with higher twists, is determined by a combination of G_E and G_M ,

$$g_2 \sim \frac{d(G_E G_M - G_M^2)}{dQ^2}, \quad Q^2 \rightarrow \infty. \quad (200)$$

In this limit each of the structure functions can also be shown to satisfy the Drell-Yan–West relation, Eqs. (175) and (176). In addition, the asymptotic behavior of g_1 and F_1 is predicted to be the same, so that the polarization asymmetries $A_1 \approx g_1/F_1 \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow 1$ for both the proton and neutron. This is in marked contrast to the expectations from SU(6) symmetry, in which the proton and neutron asymmetries are predicted to be $A_1^p = 5/9$ and $A_1^n = 0$, respectively [9]. Recall that the symmetric SU(6) wave function for a proton polarized in the $+z$ direction is given by

$$\begin{aligned} |p^\uparrow\rangle = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|u^\uparrow(ud)_0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}}|u^\uparrow(ud)_1\rangle - \frac{1}{3}|u^\downarrow(ud)_1\rangle \\ & - \frac{1}{3}|d^\uparrow(uu)_1\rangle - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}|d^\downarrow(uu)_1\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (201)$$

where the subscript 0 or 1 denotes the total spin of the two-quark component (and similarly for the neutron, with $u \leftrightarrow d$). Here the quark distributions for different flavors and spins are related by the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients in Eq. (201), with $u = 2d$ and $\Delta u = -4\Delta d$, which leads to the familiar SU(6) quark-parton model results,

$$R^{np} \equiv \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad A_1^p = \frac{5}{9}, \quad A_1^n = 0 \quad [\text{SU}(6)]. \quad (202)$$

Using parameterizations of global form factor data, the ratios of the neutron to proton F_1 , F_2 and g_1 structure functions are shown in Fig. 60 as a function of x , with x corresponding to x_{th} . Some theoretical limits for the ratios as $x \rightarrow 1$ are indicated on the vertical axis, which range from $2/3$ in the SU(6) quark model, to $3/7$ in the pQCD-inspired helicity conservation model [55], and $1/4$ in the case where the symmetric part of the SU(6) wave function is suppressed [91,241] (see the discussion in Sec. V C 2 below). While the F_2 ratio varies somewhat with x at lower x , beyond $x \sim 0.85$ it remains almost x independent, approaching the asymptotic value $(dG_M^{n2}/dQ^2)/(dG_M^{p2}/dQ^2)$. Because the F_1^n/F_1^p ratio depends only on G_M , it remains flat over nearly the entire range of x . The g_1 structure function ratio approaches the same asymptotic limit as F_1 , albeit more slowly, which may indicate a larger role played by higher twists in spin-dependent structure functions than in spin-averaged (see Sec. V A 1 above).

Interestingly, the helicity conservation model prediction [55] of $3/7$ is very close to the empirical ratio of the squares of the neutron and proton magnetic form factors, $\mu_n^2/\mu_p^2 \approx 4/9$. Indeed, if one approximates the Q^2 dependence of the proton and neutron form factors by dipoles, and takes $G_E^n \approx 0$, then the structure function ratios are all determined by the magnetic moments, $F_2^n/F_2^p \approx F_1^n/F_1^p \approx g_1^n/g_1^p \rightarrow \mu_n^2/\mu_p^2$ as $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$. On the other hand, for the g_2 structure function, which depends on both G_E and G_M at large Q^2 , the asymptotic behavior is $g_2^n/g_2^p \rightarrow \mu_n^2/(\mu_p(\mu_p - 1)) \approx 0.73$.

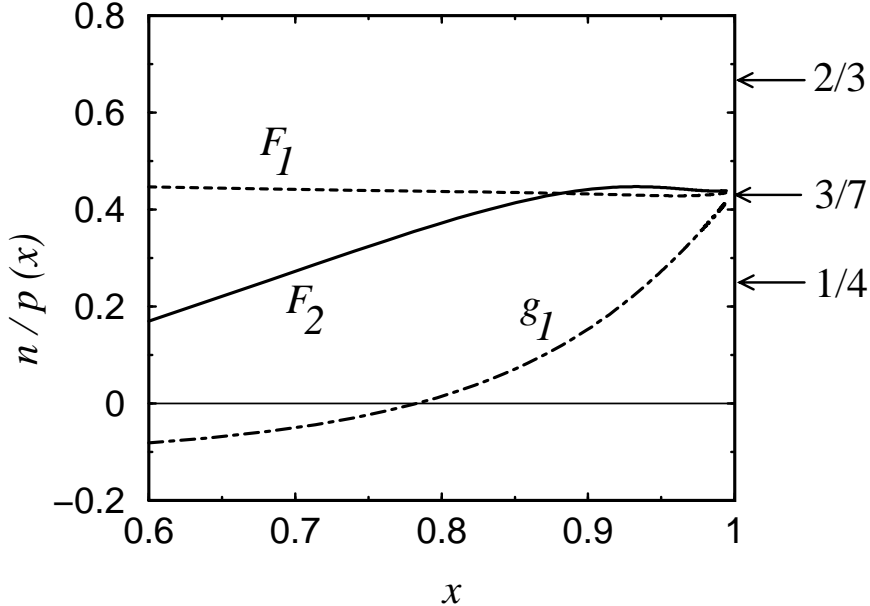


FIG. 60. Neutron to proton ratio for F_1 (dashed), F_2 (solid) and g_1 (dot-dashed) structure functions at large x , from Ref. [237]. Several leading-twist model predictions for F_2 in the $x \rightarrow 1$ limit are indicated by the arrows: $2/3$ from SU(6), $3/7$ from SU(6) breaking via helicity conservation, and $1/4$ from SU(6) breaking through d quark suppression.

Of course the reliability of the duality predictions is only as good as the quality of the empirical data on the electromagnetic form factors allow. While the duality relations are expected to be progressively more accurate with increasing Q^2 [6], the difficulty in measuring form factors at large Q^2 also increases. Obviously more data at larger Q^2 would allow more accurate predictions for the $x \rightarrow 1$ structure functions, and new experiments at Jefferson Lab and elsewhere will provide valuable constraints. However, the most challenging aspect of testing the validity of the local duality hypothesis is measuring the inclusive structure functions at high enough x , which will become feasible with the 12 GeV energy upgrade at Jefferson Lab [242] (see also Sec. VII). In particular, with data on both the F_1 and F_2 (or g_1 and F_2) structure functions at large x one will be able to extract the G_E and G_M form factors separately, without having to assume the G_E/G_M ratio in current extractions [6,174,235] of G_M from the available F_2 data.

Finally, the threshold duality relations (190)–(194) have also been applied recently [243] in studies of the nuclear medium dependence of nucleon structure functions at large x .

Recent evidence from polarized $(\vec{e}, e'\vec{p})$ scattering experiments on ${}^4\text{He}$ [89,90] nuclei suggests that a small change in the structure of the bound nucleon, in addition to the standard nuclear corrections such as meson exchange currents, isobar contributions, and final state interactions, is the most efficient way to describe the ratio of transverse to longitudinal polarization of the ejected protons [244–247]. Using local duality to relate the medium dependence of nucleon electromagnetic form factors to the medium dependence of nucleon structure functions, the recent data for a proton bound in ${}^4\text{He}$ [89,90] have been used to place strong constraints on models of the nuclear EMC effect in which medium modification is attributed to a deformation of the intrinsic nucleon structure off-shell [248] (see also Ref. [249]). In particular, the results appear to rule out large bound structure function modifications, and instead point to a small medium modification of the intrinsic nucleon structure function, which is complemented by standard many-body nuclear effects. This study therefore illustrates yet another example of how quark-hadron duality can be applied to relate phenomena which otherwise do not appear directly related.

2. Duality in the Quark Model

The threshold relations between structure functions near $x = 1$ and elastic form factors have met with some degree of phenomenological success. Their appeal is also their simplicity: there are no model-dependent backgrounds to subtract before discussing resonant properties. On the other hand, some of the models described in Sec. V B 2 suggested that the appearance of duality was intimately related to cancellations between states having different angular momentum or parity quantum numbers. At the same time, the simple nature of these models makes it difficult to draw firm conclusions about the origins of duality in the empirical data. For instance, while spin degrees of freedom are not necessary to illustrate the main qualitative features of duality, the examples of spinless constituents involved only electric multipoles, whereas inclusion of spin leads to both electric and magnetic multipole contributions. In fact, at large Q^2 the latter is expected to dominate. Ultimately, therefore, one would like to study duality in models with a closer connection to phenomenology to learn about duality in the physical world. For this to happen, one needs to generalize the model discussions to the more realistic case of three valence (and possibly even sea) quarks, instead of the simplified two-body systems considered in Sec. V B.

a. SU(6) Symmetry The SU(6) spin-flavor symmetric quark model serves as a useful basis for both visualizing the principles underpinning the phenomenon of duality and at the same time providing a reasonably close contact with phenomenology. Quark models based on SU(6) spin-flavor symmetry provide benchmark descriptions of baryon spectra, as well as transitions to excited N^* states.

In a series of classic early papers, Close, Gilman and collaborators [101,250–252] showed how the ratios of various deep inelastic structure functions could be dual to sums over N^* resonances in the $l = 0$ **56**-dimensional and $l = 1$ **70**-dimensional representations of SU(6). In particular, they demonstrated that one could construct a set of nucleon resonances, the sum of whose contributions to inclusive structure functions replicates the results of the naive quark-parton model.

Since the nucleon ground state wave function is totally symmetric, the only final state resonances that can be excited have wave functions which are either totally symmetric or of mixed symmetry, corresponding to the positive parity ($P = (-1)^l$) $\mathbf{56}^+$ and negative parity $\mathbf{70}^-$ representations, respectively [9]. The relative weightings of the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ contributions are determined by assuming that the electromagnetic current is in a $\mathbf{35}$ -plet. Allowing only the non-exotic singlet $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{35}$ -plet representations in the t -channel, which corresponds to $q\bar{q}$ exchange, the reduced matrix elements for the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ are constrained to be equal. In the t -channel these appear as $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, while in the s -channel this effectively maps onto the leading-twist, handbag diagram in Fig. 46 (a), describing incoherent coupling to the same quark. Exotic exchanges require multi-quark exchanges, such as $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ in the t -channel, and correspond to the “cat’s ears” diagram in Fig. 46 (b). Physically, therefore, the appearance of duality in this picture is correlated with the suppression of exotics in the t -channel [250].

Assuming magnetic couplings and neglecting quark orbital motion, the relative photo-production strengths of the transitions from the ground state, Eq. (201), to the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ are summarized in Table I for the F_1 (which is related to F_2 by the Callan-Gross relation, $F_2 = 2xF_1$, in this approximation) and g_1 structure functions of the proton and neutron. For generality, the contributions from the symmetric (ψ_ρ) and antisymmetric (ψ_λ) components of the ground state nucleon wave function,

$$|N\rangle = \cos\theta_w|\psi_\rho\rangle + \sin\theta_w|\psi_\lambda\rangle, \quad (203)$$

have been separated, where θ_w is the mixing angle and $\psi = \varphi \otimes \chi$ is a product of the flavor (φ) and spin (χ) wave functions [9]. Defining $\rho = \cos\theta_w$ and $\lambda = \sin\theta_w$, the SU(6) limit corresponds to $\lambda = \rho$ ($\theta_w = \pi/4$). Remarkably, summing over the full set of states in the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ multiplets, one finds in this case precisely the same structure function ratios as in the quark-parton model, Eq. (202).

SU(6) rep.	${}^2\mathbf{8}[\mathbf{56}^+]$	${}^4\mathbf{10}[\mathbf{56}^+]$	${}^2\mathbf{8}[\mathbf{70}^-]$	${}^4\mathbf{8}[\mathbf{70}^-]$	${}^2\mathbf{10}[\mathbf{70}^-]$	total
F_1^p	$9\rho^2$	$8\lambda^2$	$9\rho^2$	0	λ^2	$18\rho^2 + 9\lambda^2$
F_1^n	$(3\rho + \lambda)^2/4$	$8\lambda^2$	$(3\rho - \lambda)^2/4$	$4\lambda^2$	λ^2	$(9\rho^2 + 27\lambda^2)/2$
g_1^p	$9\rho^2$	$-4\lambda^2$	$9\rho^2$	0	λ^2	$18\rho^2 - 3\lambda^2$
g_1^n	$(3\rho + \lambda)^2/4$	$-4\lambda^2$	$(3\rho - \lambda)^2/4$	$-2\lambda^2$	λ^2	$(9\rho^2 - 9\lambda^2)/2$

TABLE I. Relative strengths of electromagnetic $N \rightarrow N^*$ transitions in the SU(6) quark model. The coefficients λ and ρ denote the relative strengths of the symmetric and antisymmetric contributions of the SU(6) ground state wave function. The SU(6) limit corresponds to $\lambda = \rho$. From Ref. [117].

Although the s -channel sum was shown by Close *et al.* [101,250,252] to be dual for ratios of structure functions, this alone did not explain the underlying reason why any individual sum over states scaled. The microscopic origin of duality in the SU(6) quark model was more recently elaborated by Close & Isgur [102], who showed that the cancellations between the even- and odd-parity states found to be necessary for duality to appear, are realized

through the destructive interference in the s -channel resonance sum between the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ multiplets. Provided the contributions from the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ representations have equal strength, this leads exactly to the scaling function proportional to $\sum_q e_q^2$. In the SU(6) limit, duality will therefore not be realized unless the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ states are integrated over. Recall that the usual assignments of the excited states in the quark model place the nucleon and the $P_{33}(1232)$ Δ isobar in the quark spin-1/2 octet (${}^2\mathbf{8}$) and quark spin-3/2 decuplet (${}^4\mathbf{10}$) representations of $\mathbf{56}^+$, respectively, while for the odd parity states the ${}^2\mathbf{8}$ representation contains the states $S_{11}(1535)$ and $D_{13}(1520)$, the ${}^4\mathbf{8}$ contains the $S_{11}(1650)$, $D_{13}(1700)$ and $D_{15}(1675)$, while the isospin- $\frac{3}{2}$ states $S_{31}(1620)$ and $D_{33}(1700)$ belong to the ${}^2\mathbf{10}$ representation.

From Table I one sees that duality may be satisfied for the proton (with $\lambda = \rho$) by states with $W \lesssim 1.6$ GeV, since states from the ${}^4\mathbf{8}[\mathbf{70}^-]$ and ${}^2\mathbf{10}[\mathbf{70}^-]$ representations at $W \sim 1.7$ GeV make negligible contributions. For neutron targets, on the other hand, one still has sizable contributions from the ${}^4\mathbf{8}[\mathbf{70}^-]$, which necessitates integrating up to $W \sim 1.8$ GeV. The case of the neutron g_1^n structure function is somewhat exceptional. Here, the SU(6) limit reveals the intriguing possibility that duality may be localized to *within* each of the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ representations individually: the strengths of the N and Δ transitions (with $\lambda = \rho$) in the $\mathbf{56}^+$ are equal and opposite, and the octet and decuplet contributions in the $\mathbf{70}^-$ sum to zero.

Note that the region above $W \approx 1.7$ GeV also contains a $\mathbf{56}^+$ multiplet at $N = 2$ in the harmonic oscillator. In the nonrelativistic limit, to order $\vec{q}^2 \sim 1/R^2$ the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ multiplets would be sufficient to realize closure and duality. The analysis can be extended to higher \vec{q}^2 by including correspondingly higher multiplets, although the reliability of the nonrelativistic harmonic oscillator may become questionable at higher \vec{q}^2 [102].

We note again that the above results have been derived assuming magnetic couplings, which are expected to dominate at large Q^2 . A realistic description of the empirical data at low Q^2 would require in addition the inclusion of electric couplings, which will give rise to a nonzero longitudinal structure function F_L . Close & Isgur showed in fact that in the SU(6) limit duality is also realized for F_L [102]. In general, however, the interplay of magnetic and electric interactions will make the workings of duality nontrivial. In the $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ limit both electric and magnetic multipoles will contribute and the interference effects can cause strong Q^2 dependence [250,251], such as that responsible for the dramatic change in sign of the lowest moment of g_1^p in the transition towards the Gerasimov-Drell-Hearn sum rule at $Q^2 = 0$ (see Sec. IV C 3). Close & Isgur suggest [102] that Bloom-Gilman duality will fail when the electric and magnetic multipoles have comparable strengths, although the precise Q^2 at which this will occur is unknown.

b. SU(6) Breaking While the SU(6) predictions for the structure functions hold approximately at $x \sim 1/3$, strong deviations are expected at larger x . For instance, the neutron F_2^n structure function is observed to be much softer than the proton F_2^p for $x \gtrsim 0.5$ [9,69,72,253–255], and although the data are not yet conclusive, there are indications that the polarization asymmetries show a trend towards unity as $x \rightarrow 1$ for both the proton [115] and neutron [256] (see *e.g.*, Fig. 31).

As discussed in Sec. V C 1, for a given N^* resonance of mass M_R , the resonance peak at $x = x_R \equiv Q^2/(M_R^2 - M^2 + Q^2)$ moves to larger x with increasing Q^2 . If a given resonance at

$x \sim 1/3$ appears at relatively low Q^2 , the $x \sim 1$ behavior of the resonance contribution to the structure function will therefore be determined by the $N \rightarrow N^*$ transition form factor at larger Q^2 . In the context of duality, the specific patterns of symmetry breaking in structure function ratios as $x \rightarrow 1$ may yield information about the Q^2 dependence of families of N^* resonances.

At the quark level, explicit SU(6) breaking mechanisms produce different weightings of components of the initial state wave function, Eq. (201), which in turn induces different x dependences for the spin and flavor distributions. At the hadronic level, on the other hand, SU(6) breaking in the $N \rightarrow N^*$ matrix elements leads to suppression of transitions to specific resonances in the final state, starting from an SU(6) symmetric wave function in the initial state. For duality to be manifest, the pattern of symmetry breaking in the initial state must therefore match that in the final state. It is *a priori* not obvious, however, whether specific mechanisms of SU(6) breaking will be consistent with duality, and recent studies [117] have investigated the conditions under which duality can arise in various symmetry breaking scenarios.

The most immediate breaking of the SU(6) duality could be achieved by varying the overall strengths of the coefficients for the **56**⁺ and **70**⁻ multiplets as a whole. However, since the cancellations of the $N \rightarrow N^*$ transitions for the case of g_1^n occur within each multiplet, a nonzero value of A_1^n can only be achieved if SU(6) is broken *within* each multiplet rather than *between* the multiplets. Some intuition is needed therefore on sensible symmetry breaking patterns within the multiplets.

In Table I the SU(6) limit is obtained by assigning equal weights for the contributions to the various $N \rightarrow N^*$ transitions from symmetric and antisymmetric components of the wave function, $\lambda = \rho$. On the other hand, the SU(6) symmetry can be broken if the mixing angle $\theta_w \neq \pi/4$. In general, for an arbitrary mixing angle θ_w , summing over all channels leads to structure function ratios given by [117]:

$$R^{np} = \frac{1 + 2 \sin^2 \theta_w}{4 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_w}, \quad A_1^p = \frac{6 - 7 \sin^2 \theta_w}{6 - 3 \sin^2 \theta_w}, \quad A_1^n = \frac{1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_w}{1 + 2 \sin^2 \theta_w}. \quad (204)$$

If the mass difference between the nucleon and Δ is attributed to spin dependent forces, the energy associated with the symmetric part of the wave function will be larger than that of the antisymmetric component. A suppression of the symmetric $|\psi_\lambda\rangle$ configuration at large x ($\theta_w \rightarrow 0$) will then give rise to a suppressed d quark distribution relative to u , which in turn leads to the famous neutron to proton ratio $R^{np} \rightarrow 1/4$ [91,241,257]. In terms of the sum over resonances in the final state, this scenario corresponds to the suppression of the symmetric components of the states in the **56**⁺ and **70**⁻ multiplets relative to the antisymmetric, and the relative transition strengths are given in Table I with $\lambda \rightarrow 0$. In particular, since transitions to the (symmetric) $S = 3/2$ or decuplet states (⁴**8**, ⁴**10** and ²**10**) can only proceed through the symmetric ψ_λ component of the ground state wave function, the ψ_ρ components will only excite the nucleon to ²**8** states. If the ψ_λ wave function is suppressed, only transitions to ²**8** states will be allowed.

The dependence of the structure function ratios in Eq. (204) on the mixing angle θ_w means that the SU(6) breaking scenario with ψ_λ suppression can be tested by simultaneously fitting the n/p ratios and the polarization asymmetries. The x dependence of $\theta_w(x)$ can be fitted to the existing data on unpolarized n/p ratios, and then used to predict the

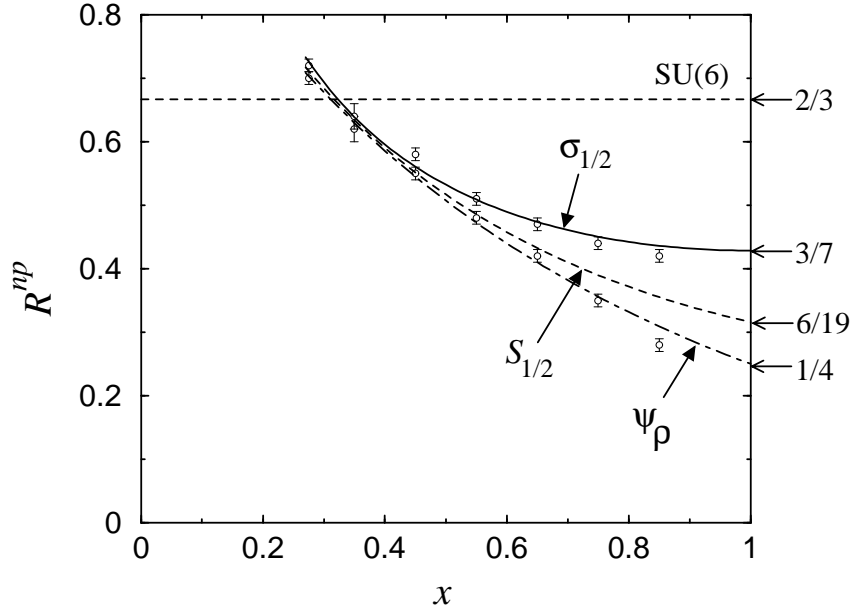


FIG. 61. Ratio R^{np} of unpolarized neutron to proton structure functions from duality [117], according to different scenarios of SU(6) breaking: ψ_ρ dominance (dot-dashed); spin-1/2 ($S_{1/2}$) dominance (dashed); and helicity-1/2 ($\sigma_{1/2}$) dominance (solid), with the respective $x \rightarrow 1$ limits indicated on the ordinate. The data are from SLAC [69,253], analyzed under different assumptions about the size of the nuclear effects in the deuteron [72].

polarization asymmetries. Unfortunately, the absence of free neutron targets means that neutron structure information must be inferred from deuteron structure functions, and the current neutron F_2^n data suffer from large uncertainties associated with nuclear corrections [72], as illustrated in Fig. 61 for the neutron to proton F_2 ratio, R^{np} .

A fit to the R^{np} data assuming SU(6) symmetry at $x \sim 1/3$ and ψ_ρ dominance at $x = 1$ ($R^{np} = 1/4$) is consistent with the lower bound on the data, as indicated in Fig. 61 (dot-dashed curve). From the fitted $\theta_w(x)$, the resulting x dependence of the polarization asymmetries A_1^p and A_1^n is shown in Fig. 62 (dot-dashed curves). The predicted x dependence of both A_1^p and A_1^n is relatively strong; the SU(6) symmetric results which describe the data at $x \sim 1/3$ rapidly give way to the broken SU(6) predictions as $x \rightarrow 1$. In both cases the polarization asymmetries approach unity as $x \rightarrow 1$ [262], in contrast with the SU(6) results, especially for the neutron. Within the current experimental uncertainties, the ψ_λ suppression model is consistent with the x dependence of both the R^{np} ratio and the polarization asymmetries.

An interesting feature of the SU(6) quark model is that duality can be satisfied by summing over the *individual* $S = 1/2$ and $S = 3/2$ contributions, $S_{1/2} \equiv {}^2\mathbf{8}[56^+] + {}^2\mathbf{8}[70^-] + {}^2\mathbf{8}[70^-]$, and $S_{3/2} \equiv {}^4\mathbf{10}[56^+] + {}^4\mathbf{8}[70^-]$, separately, as well as for the total $S_{1/2} + S_{3/2}$. If the relative contributions of the $S_{1/2}$ and $S_{3/2}$ channels are weighted by $\cos^2 \theta_s$ and $\sin^2 \theta_s$, respectively, then the unpolarized and polarized structure function ratios can be written in terms of the mixing angle θ_s as [117]

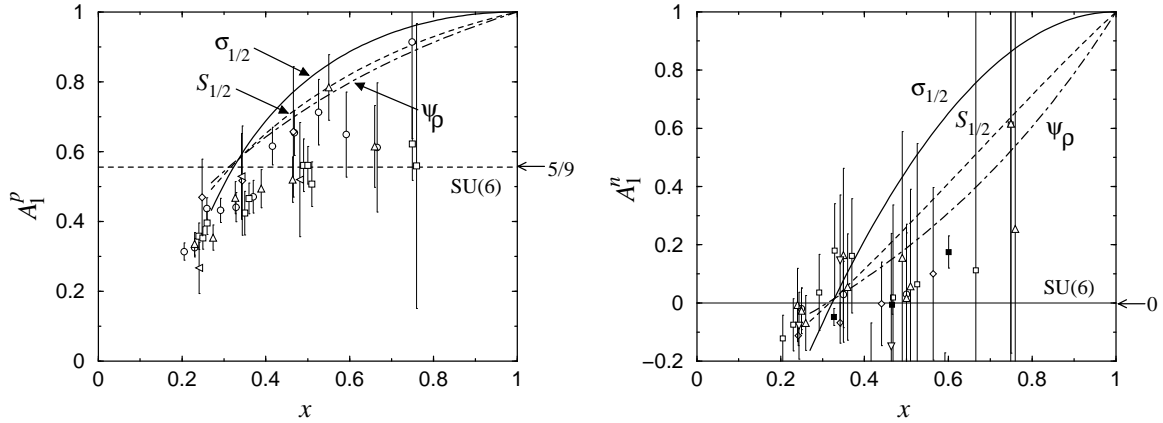


FIG. 62. Proton (left) and neutron (right) polarization asymmetries from duality [117], according to different scenarios of SU(6) breaking, as in Fig. 61. The data are a compilation of large- x results from experiments at SLAC [108,141,258,259], CERN-SMC [260], HERMES [110,261] and Jefferson Lab [256].

$$R^{np} = \frac{6(1 + \sin^2 \theta_s)}{19 - 11 \sin^2 \theta_s}, \quad A_1^p = \frac{19 - 23 \sin^2 \theta_s}{19 - 11 \sin^2 \theta_s}, \quad A_1^n = \frac{1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_s}{1 + \sin^2 \theta_s}. \quad (205)$$

The presence of spin-dependent forces between quarks, such as from single gluon exchange, can lead to different weightings of the $S_{1/2}$ and $S_{3/2}$ components. In particular, the expected dominance of the magnetic coupling at high Q^2 leads to the suppression of $S_{3/2}$ states. This also produces the mass splitting between the nucleon and Δ , and may be related to the anomalous suppression of the $N \rightarrow \Delta$ transition form factor relative to the elastic [54,104,263]. The dominance of $S_{1/2}$ configurations ($\theta_s \rightarrow 0$) at large x leads to $R^{np} \rightarrow 6/19$, and gives unity for the polarization asymmetries A_1^p and A_1^n .

Fitting the mixing angle $\theta_s(x)$ to R^{np} with the above $x \rightarrow 1$ constraint, the resulting proton and neutron polarization asymmetries are shown in Fig. 62 (dashed curves). The predicted x dependence of both A_1^p and A_1^n in this scenario is similar to that in the ψ_λ suppression model, with a slightly faster transition to the asymptotic behavior. The $S_{3/2}$ suppression model can be tested by studying the electroproduction of the $l = 2$ $\mathbf{56}^+$ states $P_{31}(1930)$, $P_{33}(1920)$, $F_{35}(1905)$ and $F_{37}(1950)$. In the absence of configuration mixing, transitions to each of these resonances should die relatively faster with Q^2 than for the $\mathbf{28}$ and $\mathbf{210}$ states, especially for the $F_{37}(1950)$, where mixing should be minimal.

As discussed above, duality implies that structure functions at large x are determined by transition form factors at high Q^2 . At large enough Q^2 one expects these to be constrained by perturbative QCD, which predicts that photons predominantly couple to quarks with the same helicity as the nucleon [55,264]. Since for massless quarks helicity is conserved, the $\sigma_{3/2}$ cross section is expected to be suppressed relative to the $\sigma_{1/2}$ cross section. The question then arises: Can duality between leading-twist quark distributions and resonance transitions exist when the latter are classified according to quark *helicity* rather than spin?

To answer this, consider the relative strengths of the helicity-1/2 and helicity-3/2 con-

tributions to the cross section to be weighted by $\cos^2 \theta_h$ and $\sin^2 \theta_h$, respectively. Using the coefficients in Table I, the ratios of structure functions can then be written in terms of the mixing angle θ_h as [117]

$$R^{np} = \frac{3}{7 - 5 \sin^2 \theta_h} , \quad A_1^p = \frac{7 - 9 \sin^2 \theta_h}{7 - 5 \sin^2 \theta_h} , \quad A_1^n = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_h . \quad (206)$$

In the $\theta_h \rightarrow 0$ limit the $\sigma_{3/2}$ suppression scenario predicts that $A_1 \rightarrow 1$ for both protons and neutrons, and that the neutron to proton ratio $R^{np} \rightarrow 3/7$. This latter result is identical to that obtained in the classic quark level calculation of Farrar & Jackson [55] on the basis of perturbative QCD counting rules. Again, fitting the x dependence of the mixing angle $\theta_h(x)$ to the R^{np} data with the corresponding $x \rightarrow 1$ constraint, the resulting predictions for $A_1^{p,n}$ are shown in Fig. 62 (solid curves). Compared with the $S_{3/2}$ and ψ_λ suppression scenarios, the $\sigma_{1/2}$ dominance model predicts a somewhat faster approach to the asymptotic $x \rightarrow 1$ limits. In particular, it seems to be disfavored by the latest A_1^n data at large x from Jefferson Lab [256], which suggest a less rapid rise in A_1^n with increasing x . While it is possible that at $x \approx 1$ the structure function is governed by helicity conservation, it appears that in the kinematical region currently accessible perturbative QCD is not yet applicable.

Before concluding the discussion of duality in the quark model, we should note that whereas each of the symmetry breaking scenarios described above are consistent with duality, other scenarios are not. For instance, suppression of the Δ or other decuplet contributions ($^4\mathbf{10}$ in the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $^2\mathbf{10}$ in the $\mathbf{70}^-$) leads to inconsistent results. Namely, the ratio of $\Delta u/u$, extracted from the A_1^p and A_1^n polarization asymmetries and R^{np} , becomes greater than unity, thereby violating a partonic interpretation of the structure functions [117]. The reason for this is that removing Δ states from the s -channel sum spoils the cancellation of exotic exchanges in the t -channel, which cannot be interpreted as single parton probabilities, resulting in the failure of duality in this scenario. Inclusion of Δ states, as well as the nucleon elastic, is vital for the realization of duality.

3. Duality in Electron-Pion Scattering

The discussion of duality thus far has focussed on scattering from the nucleon. As the simplest $q\bar{q}$ bound state, the pion plays a unique role in QCD: on the one hand, its anomalously small mass suggests that it should be identified with the pseudo-Goldstone mode of dynamical breaking of chiral symmetry in QCD; on the other, high-energy scattering experiments reveal a rich substructure which can be efficiently described in terms of current quarks and gluons. The complementarity of these pictures may also reflect, in a loose sense, a kind of duality between the effective, hadronic description based on symmetries, and a microscopic description in terms of partons.

Shortly after the original observations of Bloom-Gilman duality for the proton [2,3], generalizations to the case of the pion were explored. By extending the finite-energy sum rules [28] devised for the proton duality studies, Moffat and Snell [265] derived a local duality sum rule relating the elastic pion form factor $F_\pi(Q^2)$ with the scaling structure function of the pion, $\nu W_2^\pi \equiv F_2^\pi$,

$$[F_\pi(Q^2)]^2 \approx \int_1^{\omega_{\max}} d\omega \, \nu W_2^\pi(\omega) , \quad (207)$$

where νW_2^π here is a function of the scaling variable $\omega \equiv 1/x$. The upper limit of the integration $\omega_{\max} = 1 + (W_{\max}^2 - m_\pi^2)/Q^2$ was set in Ref. [265] to $W_{\max} \approx 1.3$ GeV, in order to include most of the effect of the hadron pole, and not too much contribution from higher resonances.

The validity of the finite-energy sum rule relation (207) was tested in early analyses [265,266] using Regge-based models of the pion structure function. More recently, data from the Drell-Yan process have allowed the duality relation to be tested using phenomenological inputs only [267]. Using the fit to the $F_2^\pi(x)$ data from the E615 experiment at Fermilab [268], the resulting form factor $F_\pi(Q^2)$ extracted from Eq. (207) is shown in Fig. 63 (left panel, solid curve). The agreement appears remarkably good, although the magnitude of the form factor depends somewhat on the precise value chosen for W_{\max} . Nevertheless, the shape of the form factor is determined by the x dependence of the structure function at large x . In particular, while a $(1-x)$ behavior leads to a similar Q^2 dependence to that for the E615 fit, assuming a $(1-x)^2$ behavior gives a form factor which drops more rapidly with Q^2 . This simply reflects the kinematic constraint $(1 - 1/\omega) \sim 1/Q^2$ at fixed W .

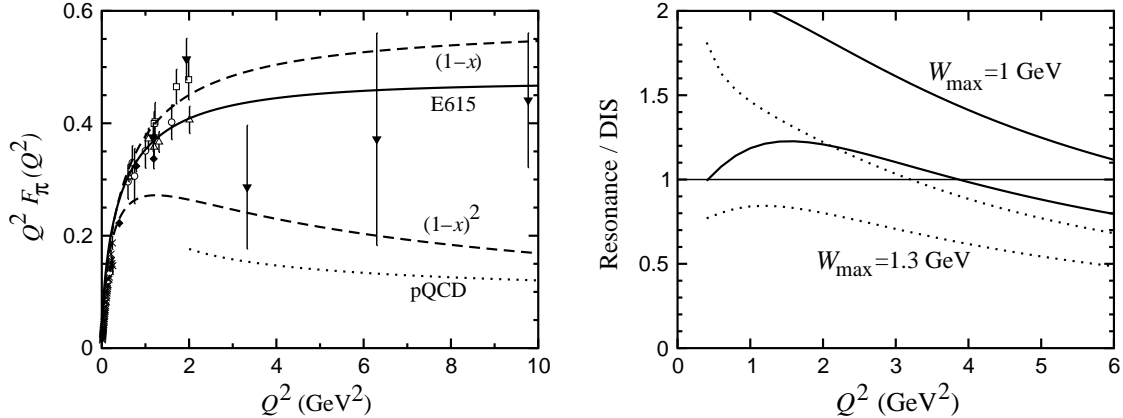


FIG. 63. (Left panel) Local duality prediction [267] for the pion form factor, using phenomenological pion structure function input from the Fermilab E615 Drell-Yan experiment [268] (solid), and the forms $F_2^\pi(x) \sim (1-x)$ and $(1-x)^2$ (dashed) [269]. The asymptotic leading-order pQCD prediction [270] (dotted) is shown for reference. (Right panel) Ratio of the pion resonance (elastic + $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transition) contributions relative to the DIS continuum, for different values of W_{\max} . The two sets of upper and lower curves reflect the uncertainties in the $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transition form factor.

Although the apparent phenomenological success of the local duality relation (207) is alluring, there are theoretical reasons why its foundations may be questioned. In fact, the workings of local duality for the pion are even more intriguing than for the nucleon. Because it has spin 0, elastic scattering from the pion contributes only to the longitudinal cross section. On the other hand, the spin-1/2 nature of quarks guarantees that the deep inelastic structure function of the pion is dominated at large Q^2 by the transverse cross

section [5,6,55]. Taken at face value, the relation (207) would suggest a nontrivial duality relation between longitudinal and transverse cross sections, in contradiction with the parton model expectations.

While the elastic form factor of the pion is purely longitudinal, the $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transition on the other hand is purely transverse. It has been suggested [6] that the average of the pion elastic and $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transition form factors may instead dual the deep inelastic pion structure function at $x \sim 1$. Taking a simple model [269] for the low- W part of the pion structure function in which the inclusive pion spectrum at $W \lesssim 1$ GeV is dominated by the elastic and $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transitions, one can estimate the degree to which such a duality may be valid. Generalizing Eq. (207) to include the lowest-lying longitudinal and transverse contributions to the structure function, one can replace the left hand side of (207) by $[F_\pi(Q^2)]^2 + \omega_\rho [F_{\pi\rho}(Q^2)]^2$, where $\omega_\rho = 1 + (m_\rho^2 - m_\pi^2)/Q^2$.

The sum of the lowest two “resonance” contributions (elastic + ρ) to the generalized finite-energy sum rule is shown in Fig. 63 (right panel) as a ratio to the corresponding leading-twist DIS structure function over a similar range of W . The upper and lower sets of curves envelop different models of $F_{\pi\rho}(Q^2)$ [271], which can be seen as an indicator of the current uncertainty in the calculation. Integrating to $W_{\max} = 1$ GeV, the resonance/DIS ratio at $Q^2 \sim 2$ GeV² is $\sim 50 \pm 30\%$ above unity, and is consistent with unity for $Q^2 \sim 4$ – 6 GeV². As a test of the sensitivity of the results to the value of W_{\max} , the resonance/DIS ratio is also shown for $W_{\max} = 1.3$ GeV. In this case the agreement is better for $Q^2 \sim 1$ – 3 GeV², with the ratio being $\sim 30 \pm 20\%$ below unity for $Q^2 \sim 4$ – 6 GeV².

Given the simple nature of the model used for the excitation spectrum, and the poor knowledge of the $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transition form factor, as well as of the pion elastic form factor beyond $Q^2 \approx 2$ GeV², the comparison can only be viewed as qualitative. However, the agreement between the DIS and resonance contributions appears promising. Clearly, data on the inclusive π spectrum at low W would be valuable for testing the local duality hypothesis more quantitatively. In addition, measurement of the individual transverse and longitudinal inelastic cross sections of the pion, using LT-separation techniques, would allow duality to be tested separately for the longitudinal and transverse structure functions of the pion.

Going from the discussion of local duality to global duality, one can use the available pion structure function data to perform a QCD moment analysis, similar to that in Sec. V A 1 for the proton, to quantify the role of higher twists in F_2^π [269]. The $n = 2$ moment of the pion F_2^π structure function is shown in Fig. 64 as a function of Q^2 , together with the leading-twist and elastic contributions. Assuming that the spectrum of $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions is dominated at low W by the elastic and $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transitions, the contribution of the resonance region (which can be taken as $W \lesssim 1$ GeV) to the lowest moment of F_2^π is $\sim 50\%$ at $Q^2 \approx 2$ GeV², and only falls below 10% for $Q^2 \gtrsim 5$ GeV². The pion elastic component, while negligible for $Q^2 \gtrsim 3$ GeV², is comparable to the leading-twist contribution at $Q^2 \approx 1$ GeV². Combined, this means that the higher-twist corrections to the $n = 2$ moment are $\sim 50\%$ at $Q^2 = 1$ GeV², $\sim 30\%$ at $Q^2 = 2$ GeV², and only become insignificant beyond $Q^2 \approx 6$ GeV².

The size of the higher-twist contribution at $Q^2 \sim 1$ GeV² is larger than that found in similar analyses of the proton F_2 [173] and g_1 [177] structure functions. This can be qualitatively understood in terms of the intrinsic transverse momentum of quarks in the hadron, $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$, which typically sets the scale of the higher-twist effects. Since the transverse momentum is roughly given by the inverse size of the hadron, $\langle k_T^2 \rangle \sim 1/R^2$, the smaller

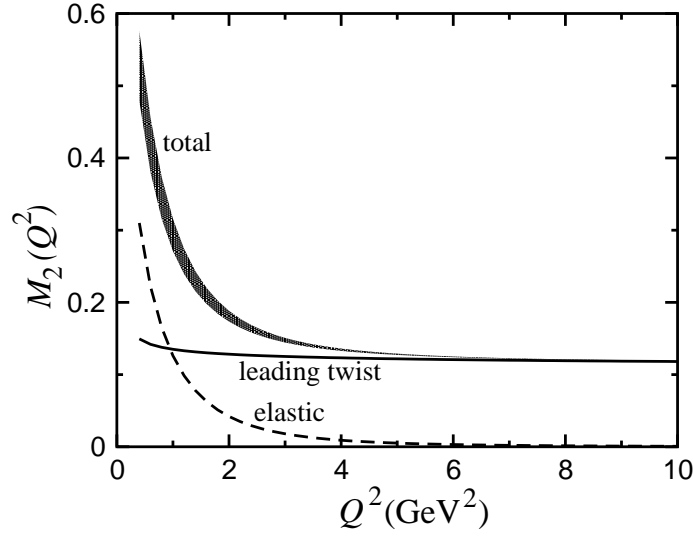


FIG. 64. Lowest ($n = 2$) moment of the pion structure function. The leading-twist (solid) and elastic (dashed) contributions are shown, and the shaded region represents the total moment using different models for the $\pi \rightarrow \rho$ transition [269].

confinement radius of the pion means that the average $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$ of quarks in the pion will be larger than that in the nucleon. Therefore the magnitude of higher twists in F_2^π is expected to be somewhat larger ($\mathcal{O}(50\%)$) than in F_2^p .

D. Duality in Semi-Inclusive Reactions

In the previous sections we explored the extent to which quark-hadron duality in inclusive processes can be understood within theoretical models, and how duality can be utilized in phenomenological applications relating deep inelastic structure functions to specific exclusive channels. To establish whether duality holds for a particular observable, one obviously needs to know both its low-energy and high-energy behavior, the latter which requires one to be in a region of kinematics where perturbative QCD is applicable. For inclusive structure functions scaling has been well established over a large range of Q^2 , even down to $Q^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ in some cases. For exclusive observables, on the other hand, such as form factors, empirical evidence suggests that considerably larger Q^2 values are necessary for the onset of the expected pQCD behavior.

Exactly where perturbative scaling sets in is of course *a priori* unknown – generally speaking, the less inclusive an observable the larger the scale at which a pQCD description is likely to hold. One may expect therefore that duality may also set in later in reactions which are more exclusive. Although this may make the study of duality in less inclusive observables more difficult experimentally at existing facilities, it is nevertheless crucial to explore the extent and limitations of duality in different reactions if one is to fully understand its origins in Nature.

In this section we generalize the duality concept to the largely unexplored domain of semi-inclusive electron scattering, $eN \rightarrow ehX$, in which a hadron h is detected in the final state in coincidence with the scattered electron. The virtue of semi-inclusive production lies in the ability to identify, in a partonic basis, individual quark species in the nucleon by tagging specific mesons in the final state, thereby enabling both the flavor and spin of quarks and antiquarks to be systematically determined. Within a partonic description, the scattering and production mechanisms become independent, and the cross section (at leading order in α_s) is given by a simple product of quark distribution and quark \rightarrow hadron fragmentation functions (see also Eq. (77)),

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dz} \sim \sum_q e_q^2 q(x) D_{q \rightarrow h}(z) , \quad (208)$$

where the fragmentation function $D_{q \rightarrow h}(z)$ gives the probability for a quark q to fragment to a hadron h with a fraction z of the quark (or virtual photon) energy, $z = E_h/\nu$. In the current fragmentation region the quark typically fragments into mesons, which we shall focus on here.

A central question for the applicability of a partonic interpretation of semi-inclusive DIS is whether the probability to incoherently scatter from an individual parton (x distribution), and the subsequent probability that the parton fragments into a particular meson (z distribution), can be factorized as in Eq. (208). While this is expected at high energies, it is not clear that this is the case at low energies, such as those available at HERMES or Jefferson Lab. It is necessary therefore to explore the conditions under which factorization can be applicable at energies where resonances still play an important role. In Sec. V C 3 we reviewed the empirical status of semi-inclusive pion production. In this section we complement that discussion by illustrating within a specific model how scaling and factorization can arise from a hadronic description of semi-inclusive scattering. Following this we consider a more local version of duality in jet formation at high energies.

1. Dynamical Models of Duality in Pion Production

In terms of hadronic variables the fragmentation process can be described through the excitation of nucleon resonances, N^* , and their subsequent decays into mesons and lower-lying resonances, which we denote by N'^* . The hadronic description must be rather elaborate, however, as the production of a fast outgoing meson in the current fragmentation region at high energy requires nontrivial cancellations of the angular distributions from various decay channels [102,197]. The duality between the quark and hadron descriptions of semi-inclusive meson production is illustrated in Fig. 65. Heuristically, this can be expressed as [102,272]

$$\sum_{N'^*} \left| \sum_{N^*} F_{\gamma^* N \rightarrow N^*}(Q^2, W^2) \mathcal{D}_{N^* \rightarrow N'^* M}(W^2, W'^2) \right|^2 = \sum_q e_q^2 q(x) D_{q \rightarrow M}(z) , \quad (209)$$

where $D_{q \rightarrow M}$ is the quark \rightarrow meson M fragmentation function, $F_{\gamma^* N \rightarrow N^*}$ is the $\gamma^* N \rightarrow N^*$ transition form factor, which depends on the masses of the virtual photon and excited

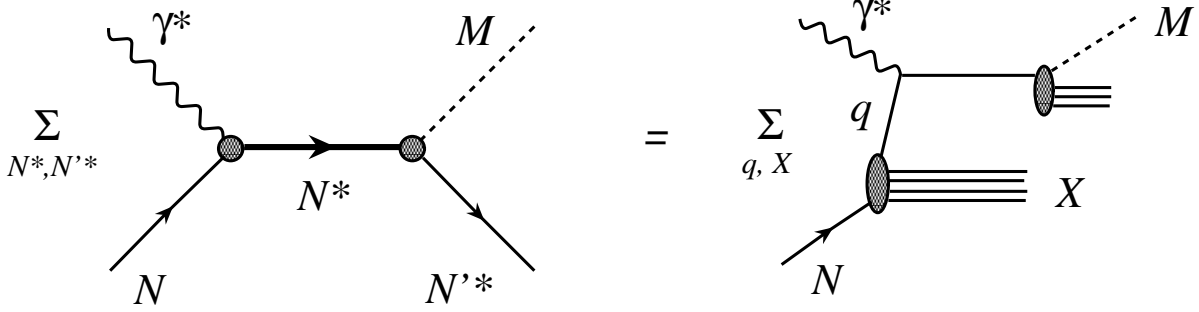


FIG. 65. Duality between descriptions of semi-inclusive meson production in terms of nucleon resonance (left) and quark (right) degrees of freedom [102,272].

nucleon ($W = M_{N^*}$), and $\mathcal{D}_{N^* \rightarrow N'^* M}$ is a function representing the decay $N^* \rightarrow N'^* M$, where W' is the invariant mass of the final state N'^* .

The summations over hadronic states in Eq. (209) are considerably more involved theoretically than the corresponding sums in inclusive scattering. Nevertheless, there have been calculations within models, similar to those considered in Sec. VB for inclusive scattering, which have attempted to carry out the resonance sums explicitly. Close & Isgur [102] applied the SU(6) symmetric quark model to calculate production rates in various channels in semi-inclusive pion photoproduction, $\gamma N \rightarrow \pi X$. (In this model the results also generalize to virtual photoproduction.) The pattern of constructive and destructive interference, which was a crucial feature of the appearance of duality in inclusive structure functions, is also repeated in the semi-inclusive case. Defining the yields of photoproduced pions from a nucleon target as

$$\mathcal{N}_N^\pi(x, z) = \sum_{N'^*} \left| \sum_{N^*} F_{\gamma N \rightarrow N^*}(Q^2, W^2) \mathcal{D}_{N^* \rightarrow N'^* \pi}(W^2, W'^2) \right|^2, \quad (210)$$

the breakdown of \mathcal{N}_N^π into the individual states in the SU(6) multiplets for the final W' states is shown in Table II for both proton and neutron initial states.

A comparison of the results of the hadronic sums with the quark level calculation, Eq. (208), can be made by considering the single quark fragmentation limit, in which $z \approx 1$. Here the scattered quark has a large probability of emerging in the observed pion, and the hadronization process is dominated by a single (leading) fragmentation function. For u quarks, the fragmentation into π^+ at large z dominates over that into π^- , so that $D_u^{\pi^-}/D_u^{\pi^+} \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow 1$. Isospin symmetry also implies that $D_d^{\pi^-} = D_u^{\pi^+}$. This limit allows ratios of production rates to be computed directly in terms of ratios of quark distributions. For the case of SU(6) symmetry, where the quark distributions are simply related by $u = 2d$, one finds for the relative yields of π^\pm mesons off protons to neutrons

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}_p^{\pi^+}}{\mathcal{N}_n^{\pi^+}} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_n^{\pi^-}}{\mathcal{N}_p^{\pi^-}} = 2, \quad (211)$$

N'^* multiplet	$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ N'^*$	$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^- N'^*$	$\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^+ N'^*$	$\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^- N'^*$
${}^2\mathbf{8} [\mathbf{56}^+]$	100	0	0	25
${}^4\mathbf{10} [\mathbf{56}^+]$	32	24	96	8
${}^2\mathbf{8} [\mathbf{70}^-]$	64	0	0	16
${}^4\mathbf{8} [\mathbf{70}^-]$	16	0	0	4
${}^4\mathbf{10} [\mathbf{70}^-]$	4	3	12	1
total \mathcal{N}_N^π	216	27	108	54

TABLE II. Relative strengths of SU(6) multiplet contributions to inclusive π^\pm photoproduction off the proton and neutron [102] (arbitrary units).

while the ratio of π^+ to π^- yields is

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}_p^{\pi^+}}{\mathcal{N}_p^{\pi^-}} = 8, \quad \frac{\mathcal{N}_n^{\pi^+}}{\mathcal{N}_n^{\pi^-}} = 2, \quad (212)$$

for proton and neutron targets, respectively. The total π yield for protons versus neutrons, $\mathcal{N}_p^{\pi^++\pi^-}/\mathcal{N}_n^{\pi^++\pi^-}$, is then equal to 3/2.

Comparing the parton level results with the coefficients in Table II, one sees that these ratios coincide exactly with those obtained from summations over coherent states in the $\mathbf{56}^+$ and $\mathbf{70}^-$ multiplets. This suggests that both factorization and duality arise by summing over all the states in the lowest-lying even- and odd-parity multiplets. Furthermore, the large coefficients in the first three columns of Table II suggest that an approximate duality may be obtained by including just the $\mathbf{56}^+$ multiplet and the ${}^2\mathbf{8}[\mathbf{70}^-]$ states, which phenomenologically corresponds to integrating over W' up to ~ 1.7 GeV. For the $\mathcal{N}_p^{\pi^-}$ and $\mathcal{N}_n^{\pi^+}$ channels, duality is saturated to $\approx 90\%$ already by the nucleon elastic and Δ states alone. One could therefore expect factorization and approximate duality here at $W'^2 \leq 3$ GeV².

Preliminary results on π^\pm electroproduction from Jefferson Lab [161] are shown in Fig. 66 for the ratio of π^+ to π^- mesons from proton and neutron targets (the neutron data are obtained from the difference of deuteron and proton yields). Several interesting features are evident here. Because Q^2 is relatively small ($Q^2 \sim \text{few GeV}^2$), some resonant features are clearly visible in the data, especially at low final state hadron mass W' . For the nucleon elastic contribution, since only π^+ production is possible from the proton, and π^- from the neutron, the proton ratio in Fig. 66 rises steeply as $W' \rightarrow 1$ GeV, while the neutron ratio drops rapidly to 0. The same feature is seen in the z dependence as $z \rightarrow 1$.

In the region of the Δ resonance ($W' \approx 1.25$ GeV) a pronounced peak is seen in the neutron ratio, but a trough appears in the corresponding proton data. Qualitatively, this is in agreement with the values for the π^+/π^- ratios in Table II, which are 9 times larger for the neutron $\rightarrow \Delta$ transition than for the proton $\rightarrow \Delta$. Of course, we do not expect quantitative agreement with the model, since, for instance, the results in Table II do not include nonresonant backgrounds, which would tend to dilute the ratios for larger W' and generally bring them closer to unity. For larger W' the proton and neutron ratios are inverted again, reflecting the stronger production rates of the $[\mathbf{70}^-]$ states off the proton than off the neutron, as predicted in Table II.

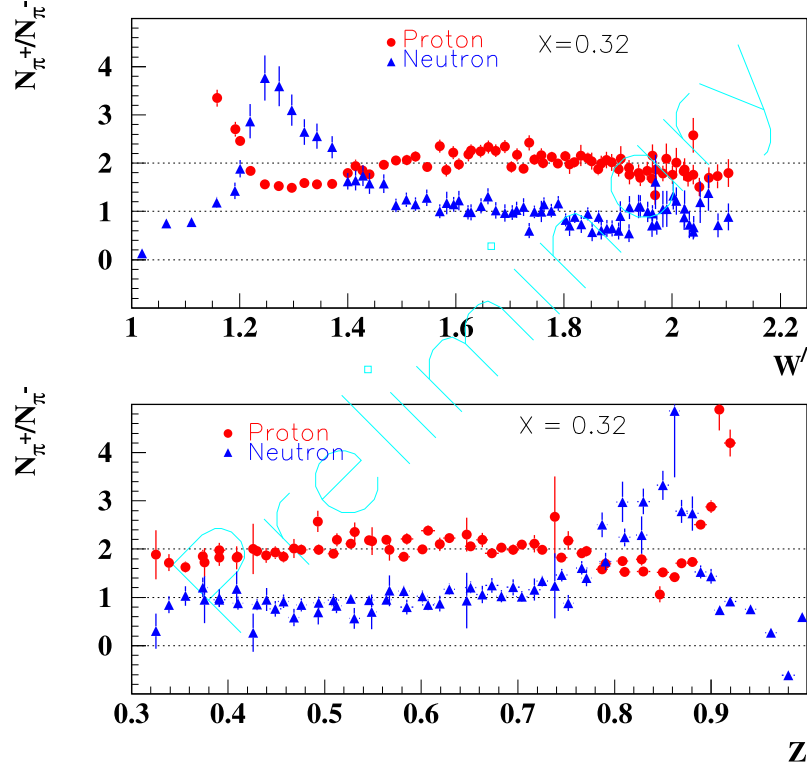


FIG. 66. Preliminary data from Jefferson Lab experiment E00-108 [161] for the ratio of π^+ to π^- semi-inclusive cross sections from proton and neutron targets, as a function of the final state missing mass W' (upper panel) and z (lower panel). The value of x is fixed at $x = 0.32$.

The results in Table II also suggest an explanation for the smooth behavior of the ratio of fragmentation functions $D^-/D^+ \equiv D_d^{\pi^+}/D_u^{\pi^+}$ for a deuterium target in Fig. 45 of Sec. IV D, even though the data span the resonance region. Since the ratio $D^-/D^+ \approx (4 - \mathcal{N}^{\pi^+}/\mathcal{N}^{\pi^-})/(4\mathcal{N}^{\pi^+}/\mathcal{N}^{\pi^-} - 1)$, from the relative weights of the matrix elements in Table II one observes that the sum of the p and n coefficients for π^+ production is always 4 times larger than for π^- production. In the SU(6) limit, therefore, the resonance contributions to this ratio cancel exactly, leaving behind only the smooth background, as would be expected at high energies. This may account for the glaring lack of resonance structure in the resonance region fragmentation functions in Fig. 45.

While these results are certainly encouraging, one should caution, however, that the coefficients in Table II apply strictly only to the imaginary parts of the $\gamma N \rightarrow \pi N'^*$ amplitudes. In principle one should also consider u -channel processes, with the π emitted prior to the photoabsorption. These diagrams would give inverted ratios for π^+/π^- in Table II, and dilute the overall predictions. On the other hand, Barbour *et al.* [273] have shown that, at least at small Q^2 , using fixed- t dispersion relations the s - and u -channel resonances cancel to some extent for the real part of the amplitude, so that the charge ratios in Eqs. (211) and (212) may not be affected too strongly [102]. Finally, while these results are restricted to the case of SU(6) symmetry, extensions to incorporate explicit SU(6) breaking, along the

lines of those in Sec. VC 2 for inclusive structure functions, are also possible, and would be valuable in establishing a closer connection with phenomenology.

2. Jet Formation

At high energies a characteristic feature of semi-inclusive single particle spectra is the production of jets in the current fragmentation region. In terms of resonances, the formation of a jet can be thought of as arising from strong constructive interference in the forward region, and destructive interference in the backward hemisphere [102]. In principle this may be achieved by summing over different partial waves l which have specific angular distributions associated with the respective spherical harmonics, although in practice this remains to be demonstrated in specific dynamical models. A first attempt in this direction within the SU(6) quark model was described in the preceding section.

A somewhat different application of quark-hadron duality in jet formation in DIS was proposed by Azimov *et al* [274]. At large $Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$, the conventional description of final state formation is in terms of hard partonic scattering, giving rise to a partonic cascade, followed by soft fragmentation into hadrons. Monte Carlo fragmentation models are usually used to generate the perturbative cascade down to a scale $Q_0^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, below which nonperturbative models are invoked to describe hadron formation — see Fig. 67 (a).

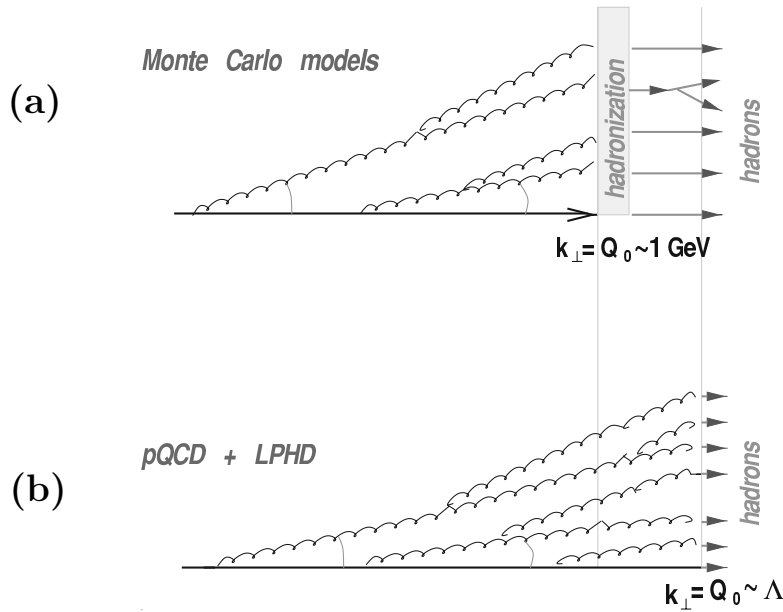


FIG. 67. Schematic illustration of hadron production within (a) Monte Carlo fragmentation models in which hadronization occurs below a scale Q_0 , and (b) within a pQCD framework together with local parton-hadron duality (LPHD). (Adapted from Ref. [275].)

The Monte Carlo models describe many properties of hadronic final states in high energy reactions, albeit with the aid of a large number of free parameters. As an alternative to the Monte Carlo methods, a local correspondence between parton and hadron distributions in hadronic jets, termed “Local Parton Hadron Duality” (LPHD) was proposed [274] as a way of describing the hadronic final state. This LPHD hypothesis states that sufficiently inclusive hadronic observables may be described entirely at the partonic level, without *any* reference to hadronization. The key assumption in LPHD is that the perturbative cascade can be evolved down to a very low scale $Q_0 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, with the conversion of partons into hadrons involving only small momentum transfers [276], see Fig. 67 (b). The prediction here is that hadronic spectra become proportional to those of partons as the cut-off scale Q_0 is decreased towards Λ_{QCD} .

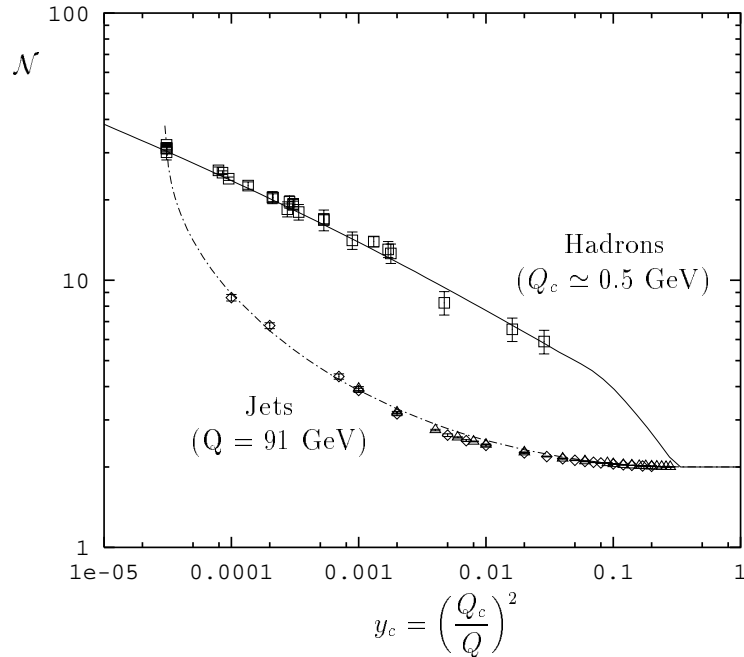


FIG. 68. Average jet multiplicity \mathcal{N} as a function of the resolution parameter $y_c = (Q_c/Q)^2$, at fixed $Q = 91$ GeV (lower set, “Jets”), and for different energies $Q = 3\text{--}91$ GeV with fixed $Q_c = 0.508$ GeV (upper set, “Hadrons”) [277,278]. The curves are described in the text.

Data on fragmentation in e^+e^- collisions indeed show that the broad features of hadronic jets, such as particle multiplicities, correlations, and inclusive spectra, calculated at the parton level agree surprisingly well with the measured ones, as would be expected from the LPHD hypothesis [276]. Figure 68 shows results [277,278] on jet multiplicities in e^+e^- collisions at LEP [279,280] as a function of the resolution parameter $y_c = (Q_c/Q)^2$, where Q here is the center of mass energy, and Q_c is the parton transverse momentum infrared cut-off scale [277]. The lower data set corresponds to jets produced at $Q = 91$ GeV, and the curve through the data is obtained from a numerical solution of the parton jet evolution equations

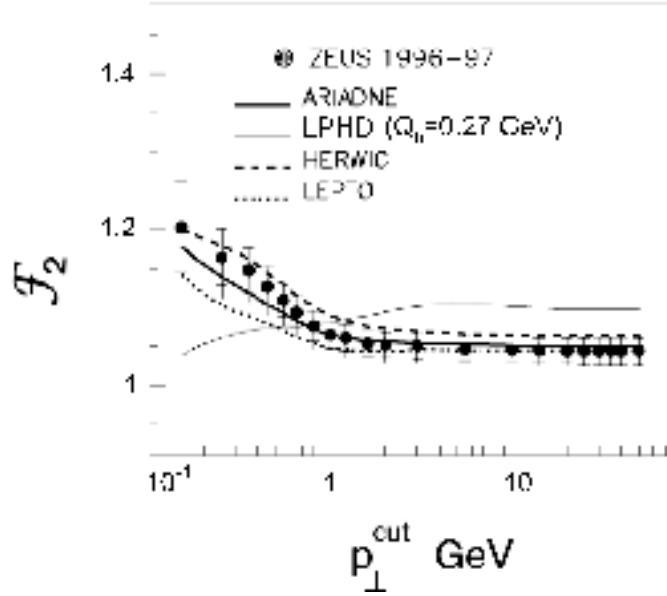


FIG. 69. Factorial moment \mathcal{F}_2 for charged particles in the current region as a function of p_{\perp}^{cut} from ZEUS [282], compared with Monte Carlo fragmentation models (ARIADNE, HERWIG, LEPTO), and the parton level calculation using LPHD. (Adapted from Ref. [282].)

[281]. The curve diverges for small cut-off Q_c as $\alpha_s(k_{\perp})$ becomes singular for small parton transverse momenta k_{\perp} . The upper data set shows the average multiplicities at different energies between $Q = 3$ and 91 GeV, calculated at fixed $Q_c = 0.508$ GeV. The solid curve is based on the duality picture, in which the partonic final state corresponds to a hadronic final state at $k_{\perp} \sim Q_0 \rightarrow Q_c$, with $Q_c \approx 0.5$ GeV. The result is interpreted as indicating that in the LPHD scenario hadrons correspond to narrow jets with resolution $Q_0 \approx 0.5$ GeV, and that the final stage of jet evolution is reasonably well represented by a partonic cascade even though α_s is large [278].

To further quantify the validity of LPHD, the ZEUS Collaboration at HERA measured multiplicity distributions in e^+p deep inelastic scattering at very large Q^2 ($Q^2 > 1000$ GeV²) in restricted phase-space regions. The particle multiplicities were studied in terms of the normalized factorial moments, defined as

$$\mathcal{F}_q(\Omega) = \frac{\langle n(n-1) \cdots (n-q+1) \rangle}{\langle n \rangle^q}, \quad q = 2, 3, \dots \quad (213)$$

where $q = 2, 3, \dots$ is the degree of the moment, and n is the number of particles measured inside a specified phase-space region Ω , with $\langle \cdots \rangle$ denoting the average over all events. The factorial moments are convenient tools to characterize the multiplicity distributions. As a reference point, for uncorrelated particle production within Ω , one has $\mathcal{F}_q = 1$ for all q .

Correlations between particles lead to a broadening of the multiplicity distribution and dynamical fluctuations. Figure 69 shows a typical factorial moment, \mathcal{F}_2 , measured by ZEUS [282] as a function of a transverse momentum cut, p_{\perp}^{cut} . As p_{\perp}^{cut} decreases below 1 GeV, the

moment is seen to rise, which agrees with the various Monte Carlo models of fragmentation (ARIADNE, HERWIG, LEPTO). On the other hand, the data disagree with perturbative calculations (labeled “LPHD”) in which the partonic cascade is evolved down to $Q_0 = 0.27$ GeV, which predict a downturn in the moment with decreasing p_\perp^{cut} . In fact, the pQCD prediction is

$$\mathcal{F}_q(p_\perp^{\text{cut}}) \simeq 1 + \frac{q(q-1)}{6} \frac{\log(p_\perp^{\text{cut}}/Q_0)}{\log(E/Q_0)}, \quad (214)$$

where E is the initial energy of the outgoing quark. Thus the moments are predicted to approach unity for $p_\perp^{\text{cut}} \sim Q_0$, in contrast to the rise observed in the data.

Similar behavior is seen in the other factorial moments (for $q = 3, 4, \dots$), suggesting that additional nonperturbative effects related to the proton remnant are necessary to explain the data. The results indicate therefore that the strict LPHD hypothesis, with “one parton–one hadron” equivalence, is violated at a quantitative level for the hadronic multiplicities. This suggests that the LPHD concept is applicable to more inclusive or global (averaged) variables, and does not apply at a too exclusive level. Instead, a correspondence between averaged local phase-space densities of partons and hadrons is more appropriate [276]. In other words, as we have seen in other contexts, local duality cannot be too local!

E. Duality in Exclusive Reactions

In the previous sections we have reviewed examples of some of the successes and limitations of duality in inclusive and semi-inclusive electron scattering. The general folklore, as mentioned above, is that duality works better for inclusive observables than for exclusive, partly because perturbative behavior appears to set in at higher Q^2 for the latter, and partly because there are fewer hadronic states over which to average. For exclusive processes, such as the coincidence production of a meson M and baryon B in the final state, $eN \rightarrow e'MB$, duality may be more speculative. Nevertheless, there are correspondence arguments which relate the exclusive cross sections at low energy to inclusive production rates at high energy. In this section we review the exclusive–inclusive correspondence principle, and illustrate this with phenomenological examples in Compton scattering and exclusive pion production.

1. Correspondence Principle

This exclusive–inclusive connection in hadronic physics dates back to the early dates of deep inelastic scattering and the discussion of scaling laws in high energy processes. Bjorken & Kogut [226] articulated the correspondence relations by demanding the continuity of the dynamics as one goes from one (known) region of kinematics to another (which is unknown or poorly known). The authors in fact draw an analogy with Bohr’s use of the correspondence principle in quantum mechanics, whereby the behavior of a quantum theory is connected with the known classical limit, which in turn leads to insights into the quantum theory itself.

For two-body processes, such as $\gamma^*N \rightarrow MB$, the correspondence principle connects properties of exclusive (resonant) final states with inclusive particle spectra, described in

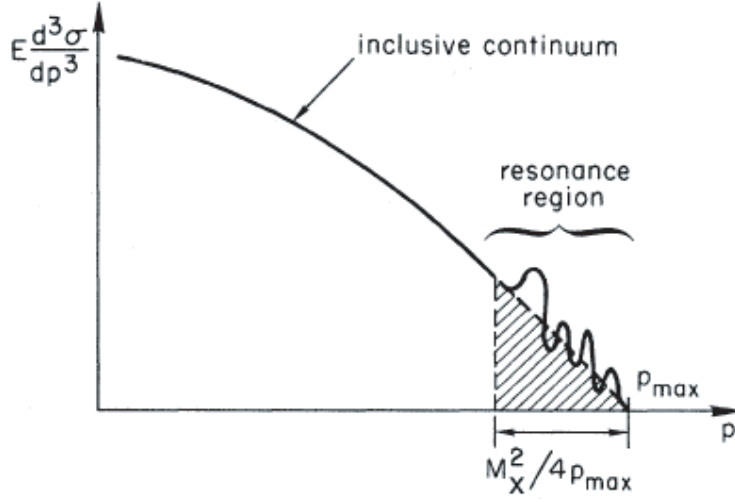


FIG. 70. Momentum spectrum of produced hadrons in the inclusive hadron production reaction $\gamma^* N \rightarrow MX$. From Ref. [226].

terms of the differential cross section, $E d^3\sigma/dp^3$, for the corresponding reaction $\gamma^* N \rightarrow MX$, where E and p are the energy and momentum of one of the observed final state particles. An illustration of a typical inclusive momentum spectrum for the observed particle M is shown in Fig. 70. As p increases, one steps from the inclusive continuum to the region dominated by resonances. The correspondence argument states that the magnitude of the resonance contribution to the cross section should be comparable to the continuum contribution extrapolated from high energy into the resonance region,

$$\int_{p_{\max} - M_X^2/4p_{\max}}^{p_{\max}} dp \left. E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \right|_{\text{incl}} \sim \sum_{\text{res}} \left. E \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2} \right|_{\text{excl}}, \quad (215)$$

where the integration region over the inclusive cross section includes contributions up to a missing mass M_X . The inclusive cross section $d^3\sigma/dp^3$ is generally a function of the longitudinal momentum fraction x , the transverse momentum p_T , and the invariant mass squared s ,

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{E d^3\sigma}{dp^3} = f(x, p_T^2, sQ^2). \quad (216)$$

At large s (or equivalently large Q^2) this effectively reduces to a function of only x and p_T^2 ,

$$f(x, p_T^2, sQ^2) \rightarrow f(x, p_T^2), \quad s \rightarrow \infty. \quad (217)$$

Although the relation (215) does not represent an exact equality, it does imply that there should be no systematic variation of either side of the equation with external parameters.

Examples of applications of the correspondence relation (215) were given by Bjorken & Kogut [226] for various hadronic reactions, as well as for e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons (see Sec. VIB below). For inclusive electroproduction, it was used to derive the Drell-Yan-West relation between the asymptotic behavior of the elastic form factor and structure function in the $x \rightarrow 1$ limit (Sec. VC1). One of the most direct application is to (real and virtual) Compton scattering, which we discuss next.

2. Real Compton Scattering

Soon after Bjorken & Kogut suggested the exclusive-inclusive correspondence, it was used [283] to predict the behavior of the real Compton scattering (RCS) cross section off the proton, $\gamma p \rightarrow \gamma p$, at large angles in the center of mass frame. At high energy the inclusive cross section for the reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow \gamma X$ can be written (at leading order in α_s) in terms of quark distribution functions [284],

$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dk^3} = \frac{2\alpha^2(s+u)(s^2+u^2)}{s^2t^2(-u)} \sum_q e_q^4 x q(x), \quad (218)$$

where k is the momentum of the outgoing photon, s , t and u are the usual Mandelstam invariants ($s+t+u=2M^2$), and $x = -t/2M\nu$ is identified with the proton's longitudinal momentum fraction carried by the quark. (Note that here $-t$ plays the role of the large momentum scale, in analogy with Q^2 in DIS.) For large x the cross section is dominated by valence quarks, and the sum over quark charges in Eq. (218) can be replaced by

$$\sum_q e_q^4 x q(x) \rightarrow \frac{2(16+d(x)/u(x))}{9(4+d(x)/u(x))} F_1^p(x). \quad (219)$$

At $x \approx 1$, one can use the local Bloom-Gilman duality relation in Eq. (190) to replace the F_1^p structure function by the proton magnetic form factor, $G_M(t)$, in which case the RCS cross section at large $-t$ takes the simple form [283]

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \approx \frac{8\pi\alpha^2}{9} \frac{s^2+u^2}{s^3(-u)} (G_M^p(t))^2, \quad (220)$$

where one has assumed $d/u \ll 1$ at $x = 1$. Using the parameterization of the proton magnetic form factor from Ref. [285], the differential cross section $d\sigma/dt$ is plotted in Fig. 71 versus $-t$ for several photon beam energies, $E_\gamma = (s - M^2)/2M$.

The curves are compared with wide-angle Compton scattering data from SLAC [286] at $-t \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ and from Cornell [287] for $-t \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. Although the calculation underestimates the magnitude of the data somewhat, it does follow the general trend of the data, becoming a less steep function of t at large $-t$. Upcoming data from the Jefferson Lab experiment E99-114 [288] will extend the kinematical range to $-t = 6 \text{ GeV}^2$ for $E_\gamma = 3\text{--}6 \text{ GeV}$, which will allow more comprehensive tests of the correspondence relation at higher $-t$.

3. (Deeply) Virtual Compton Scattering

An extension of the study of duality in Compton scattering can be made to the case of virtual photons, and the corresponding virtual Compton scattering (VCS) process, $ep \rightarrow e\gamma p$. The ability to vary the virtual photon mass allows one to compare cross sections at the same s for different values of Q^2 , and track the behavior of resonances as one moves from low Q^2 to high Q^2 . In fact, this is precisely what led to the observation of Bloom-Gilman duality in deep inelastic scattering, with the difference here that one probes the real part of the virtual Compton scattering amplitude rather than the imaginary part.

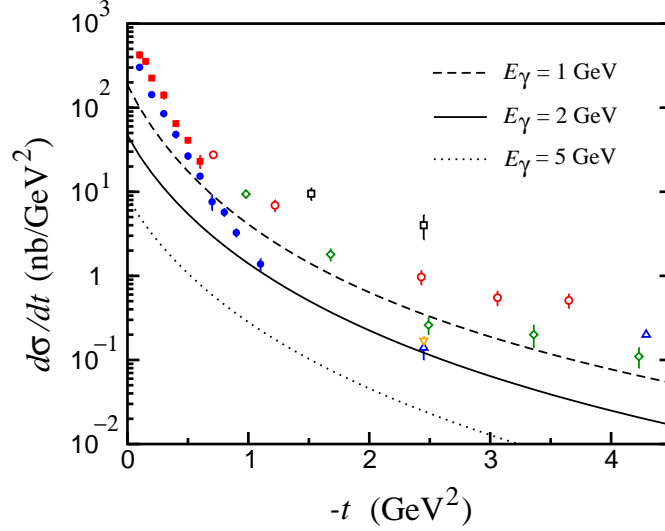


FIG. 71. Cross section for wide-angle Compton scattering using the inclusive-exclusive correspondence relation (220). The data are from SLAC [286] for E_γ between 5 and 17 GeV (filled symbols) and from Cornell [287] for E_γ between 2 and 6 GeV (open symbols).

The analogy with DIS can be brought even closer by considering VCS in the limit of large Q^2 , known as deeply virtual Compton scattering (DVCS). Interest in this reaction has been fostered by the realization that at high Q^2 DVCS provides access to generalized parton distributions (GPDs), which are generalizations of parton distribution functions in which the initial and final hadron momenta are no longer identical [289–291]. GPDs have come to prominence in recent years as a means of extracting information on the orbital angular momentum carried by quarks and gluons in the nucleon, and hence on the decomposition of the nucleon spin into the various components. Being functions of both the longitudinal and transverse parton momenta, they also offer the prospect of mapping out a complete, three-dimensional representation of partons in the nucleon [292].

One of the important practical questions is whether the GPD formalism is applicable at intermediate energies, such as at HERMES or at Jefferson Lab, and it is here that one may appeal to duality for an answer. In particular, if one can demonstrate that duality applies also to the case of DVCS, then a partonic interpretation of the scattering, for both the real and imaginary parts, may be valid down to low Q^2 .

This problem has been investigated recently by Close & Zhao [215] in a generalization of the scalar constituent quark model with a harmonic oscillator potential discussed in Sec. VB2 for the deep inelastic structure functions [102,197]. The non-forward Compton scattering process is illustrated in Fig. 72, where the initial and final photon momenta are denoted by q and k , respectively, and the internal “blob” represents coherent intermediate resonant states. In the limit $k \rightarrow q$ the results must obviously collapse to the forward scattering case. For an idealized nucleon target composed of scalar quark constituents, the generalized longitudinal response can be written in analogy with the response for forward scattering in Eq. (166). For N even ($= 2n$) or N odd ($= 2n + 1$) excited states, one has [215]

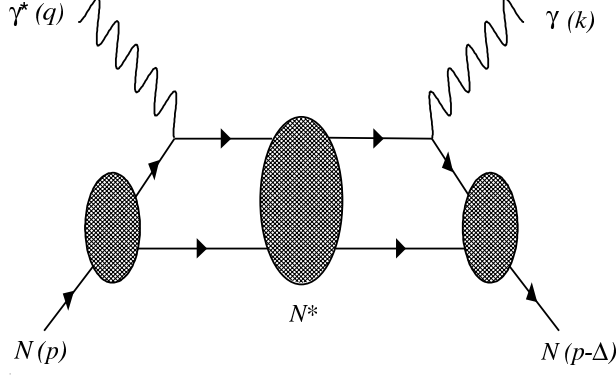


FIG. 72. Schematic diagram for quark-hadron duality in non-forward Compton scattering. (Adapted from Ref. [215].)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}_L(\nu, \vec{q}, \vec{k}, \Delta^2) &= \sum_{N(n)} \frac{1}{4E_0 E_N} (E_0 \pm E_N)^2 \delta(\nu + E_0 \mp E_N) \\ &\times \left\{ \sum_{l=0(1)}^N \left[(e_1 + e_2)^2 F_{0,2n}^{(l)}(\vec{q}) F_{0,2n}^{(l)}(\vec{k}) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (e_1 - e_2)^2 F_{0,2n+1}^{(l)}(\vec{q}) F_{0,2n+1}^{(l)}(\vec{k}) \right] \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{(2l+1)}} Y_{l0}(\theta) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (221)$$

where θ is the angle between the initial and final γ momenta \vec{k} and \vec{q} , and $\Delta = q - k$ represents the degree to which the process is non-forward. In contrast to the forward case, the form factors are now evaluated at different momenta. After performing the summation over l , the sum (or difference) over all states N gives [215]

$$\left(\sum_{N=\text{even}} \pm \sum_{N=\text{odd}} \right) F_{0,N}(\vec{q}) F_{N,0}(\vec{k}) = \exp \left(-\frac{(\vec{q} \mp \vec{k})^2}{4\beta^2} \right) \equiv F_{0,0}(|\vec{q} \mp \vec{k}|). \quad (222)$$

Note that in the forward limit, $\vec{k} = \vec{q}$, the sum over all states yields unity, corresponding to completeness of states, while the difference is equal to the elastic form factor evaluated at a momentum $2\vec{q}$.

Integrating the sum of the non-forward response over energy ν , the generalization of the sum rule in Eq. (170) becomes:

$$\tilde{S}(\vec{q}, \vec{k}) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\nu \tilde{R}_L(\nu, \vec{q}, \vec{k}, \Delta^2) \quad (223)$$

$$= (e_1^2 + e_2^2) F_{0,0}(|\vec{q} - \vec{k}|) + 2e_1 e_2 F_{0,0}(|\vec{q} + \vec{k}|). \quad (224)$$

In the $Q^2 \gg |\Delta^2|$ limit the first term dominates, leading to a partonic interpretation of the sum rule in terms of squares of quark charges weighted by the elastic form factor [215],

$$\tilde{S}(\vec{q}, \vec{k}) \longrightarrow (e_1^2 + e_2^2) F_{0,0}(\vec{\Delta}^2). \quad (225)$$

The emergence of the scaling behavior from duality in this model is due to the mass degeneracy between multiplets with the same N but different l , which causes a destructive interference between all but the elastic contribution. The presence of interactions which break the l -degeneracy within a given N multiplet will in general spoil the exact cancellations and give rise to violations of duality, which would lead to oscillations about the smooth scaling law behavior at high energies [57]. The observation of such oscillations may therefore indicate mass splittings *within* a given N multiplet, in contrast to the case of splittings *between* multiplets of different N for the case of inclusive structure functions discussed in Sec. VB 2. Such patterns of oscillations have in fact been found in exclusive pion photoproduction reactions, $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$, which we discuss in the next section.

4. Exclusive Hard Pion Photoproduction

While DVCS measures charge-squared weighted combinations of GPDs, in analogy with charge-squared weighted PDFs in DIS, replacing the final state γ with mesons enables one to probe different combinations of GPDs. The process of exclusive hard meson production thus shares many similarities with DVCS, or with wide-angle Compton scattering for real photons. In this section we focus our attention on the case of hard pion production with real photons.

Implications of the inclusive–exclusive correspondence principle for exclusive photoproduction of pions at large transverse momentum have been investigated by several authors. An early study of hard pion production using local duality at threshold was made by Scott [293], who used the correspondence relation (215) to express the inclusive cross section near threshold in terms of the exclusive cross section, as for Compton scattering in Eq. (220).

More recently, Eden *et al.* [162] addressed the question of the applicability of a leading-twist description of hard pion production and the validity of local duality for the reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ X$. Calculating the hard scattering at the quark level in terms of the $\gamma q \rightarrow \pi^+ q$ subprocess, and replacing the proton structure function by the square of the magnetic form factor, Eden *et al.* find in the limit of large s and t [162]

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n) \approx 16\pi^2 \alpha \frac{\alpha_s^2 f_\pi^2}{|t| s^2} (G_M^p(-t))^2, \quad (226)$$

where one has assumed $s \ll |t|$, and that $d/u \ll 1$ in the $x \rightarrow 1$ limit.

Experimentally, the $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ cross section is found to be proportional to $1/s^2$ for $|t| \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ [294], in agreement with Eq. (226). However, the absolute cross section at low s ($E_\gamma \lesssim 7 \text{ GeV}$) is underestimated by the local duality prediction by a factor ~ 50 . At larger $|t|$ the $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ cross section falls rapidly with energy, $\sim 1/s^6$ [294], and one expects that the duality relation (226) may be more applicable at larger s and $|t|$ ($E_\gamma \sim 20 \text{ GeV}$) [162].

The $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ reaction was considered by Afanasev *et al.* [149] for $s \sim |t|$, who studied duality in the limit of fixed center of mass scattering angle, θ_{cm} . Good agreement with data [294] is observed for the energy dependence at $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 90^\circ$. However, Eden *et al.* [162] point out that at fixed angle this underestimates the measured cross section by about two orders of magnitude, due to additional diagrams involving more than a single quark in the

nucleon which cannot be neglected in this limit. The appropriate limit for duality, and more generally factorization, to hold in semi-exclusive reaction is the $|t| \ll s$ limit [295].

As well as requiring an appropriate choice of kinematics, part of the apparent failure of duality in exclusive reactions also stems from the restriction to a single hadronic state. Duality arises when sufficiently many intermediate hadronic states are summed over, resulting in cancellations of non-scaling contributions. Certainly in Nature the cancellations are not exact, however, and give rise to duality violations present at any finite kinematics.

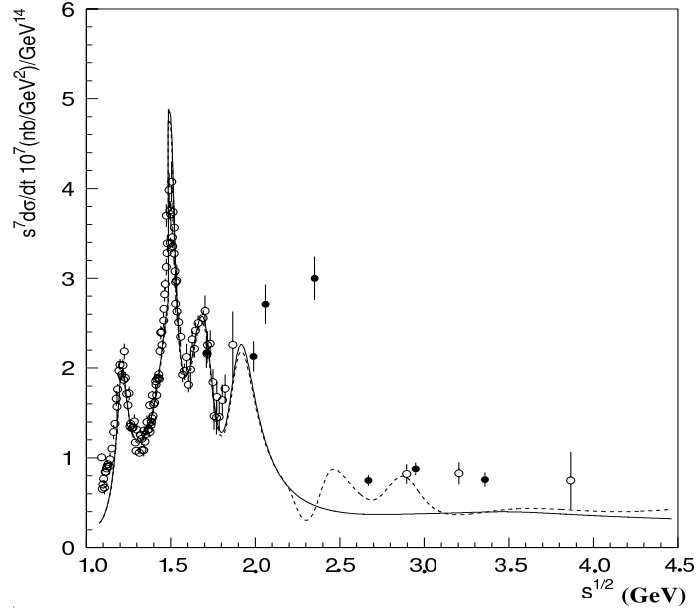


FIG. 73. Energy dependence of the $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ cross section at $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 90^\circ$, from Ref. [296]. The solid (dashed) curve corresponds to degeneracy breaking for $N \leq 2$ ($N \leq 4$). The data are from Refs. [297] (open circles) and [298] (filled circles).

A novel application of duality and duality violation in exclusive π^+ photoproduction was considered recently by Zhao & Close [296], as a possible explanation for some spectacular oscillations seen in $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ cross sections at $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 90^\circ$ [297,298] (see Fig. 73). Using the simple pedagogical model of two scalar constituents bound by harmonic oscillator forces from Sec. V B 2, Zhao & Close suggest that the oscillations result from the non-degeneracy of states with the same principal quantum number N for different orbital quantum numbers l .

For a degenerate spectrum, summation over resonance excitations produces destructive interference of coherent contributions, giving rise to scaling behavior. In fact, since the l -odd terms are proportional to $\cos \theta_{\text{cm}}$, only parity-even (and hence N -even) contributions will be nonzero at $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 90^\circ$ [296]. At high energies the large number of overlapping resonances makes the cancellations, and hence duality, appear locally. At lower energy, however, where fewer resonances are encountered, the different partial waves will not cancel locally if the resonances with different N are not degenerate, and one can expect deviations from the smooth scaling behavior at $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 90^\circ$ arising from interference between the non-local resonances.

In Fig. 73 the differential cross section $s^7 d\sigma/dt$ is plotted as a function of the center of mass energy \sqrt{s} for two scenarios of degeneracy breaking: for $N \leq 2$ and for $N \leq 4$ states. Sizable oscillations are clearly evident in both cases, which persist to several GeV, but with decreasing amplitude for larger \sqrt{s} . The agreement with the data at low \sqrt{s} is quite remarkable given the simplicity of the model.

If violations of local duality are indeed responsible for the observed oscillations [297,298], one would expect a specific Q^2 dependence for these, in contrast with some of the alternative proposed explanations in terms of charm thresholds [299], or the interference between short and long-distance effects [300,301].

In particular, if a set of resonances is suppressed at large Q^2 (as discussed for example in Sec. V C 2), there should be strong Q^2 dependence in the oscillations, with neither the position nor the magnitude displaying any simple periodicity [296]. Furthermore, one can also expect oscillations arising from violations of duality in other processes, such as vector meson production. Some of these and other future tests of duality will be discussed in Sec. VII below.

VI. QUARK-HADRON DUALITY IN RELATED FIELDS

In the previous sections we have reviewed the experimental status of duality in structure functions and discussed its theoretical interpretations within various models, and more formally using the operator product expansion in QCD. To put this discussion in a broader context, in this section we consider examples of duality observed in areas other than electron scattering. We review several famous examples, ranging from the prototypical case of duality in e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons, and the celebrated application in semileptonic decays of heavy mesons, to a more recent speculative example of duality in $p\bar{p}$ annihilation. These examples will illustrate many features in common with Bloom-Gilman duality in electron scattering, suggesting a common origin of these phenomena in QCD. To begin with, we first review one of the most extensive *theoretical* applications of duality in hadronic physics, namely that in QCD sum rules.

A. QCD Sum Rules

The method of QCD sum rules [302–304] has enjoyed tremendous success in the computation of a wide range of hadronic ground state properties, as well as form factors [305] and (moments of) structure functions [306] (for reviews see Refs. [307–309]). The basic premise behind QCD sum rules is that physical quantities are obtained by matching results calculated in terms of quark-gluon degrees of freedom, using asymptotic freedom, with those calculated in terms of hadrons via dispersion relations. The partonic side of the sum rule is often referred to as the “theoretical” part, while the hadronic side is referred to as the “phenomenological” part. At the heart of the sum rule method lies quark-hadron duality — the ability to relate low-energy observables to their asymptotic high-energy behavior. Indeed, as Shifman, Vainshtein and Zakharov remark in their classic paper [303], “QCD sum rules can be considered as a justification and refinement of the duality relations” between resonance and continuum cross sections.

Calculation of the partonic side of the sum rule relations (as in deep inelastic scattering) relies on factorization of the short-distance amplitudes from the long-distance amplitudes, with the latter parameterized in terms of quark and gluon vacuum condensates. The hadronic (phenomenological) side, on the other hand, requires an accurate representation of the hadronic spectrum. In cases where the ground state is dominant, the properties of the ground state itself can be extracted, in a way reminiscent of the local duality discussed in Sec. VC1.

In the following we consider two pedagogical examples which graphically illustrate the interplay between confinement and asymptotic freedom implicit in duality. While at present the accuracy of quark-hadron duality cannot be rigorously determined in QCD, the QCD sum rule method is quite general, and many features can be explored by considering simple models for which exact solutions are known. One can then try to draw lessons from the simple models to more realistic cases, which can help us to understand the origin and phenomenological consequences of duality in QCD. In fact, one doesn’t even need to consider quantum field theory — the essential elements of duality can already be seen at work in quantum mechanics. We shall review one such example in the next section: the quantum

mechanical harmonic oscillator. Following this we describe the extension of the sum rule method to field theory, by applying the operator product expansion to the ρ meson.

1. Quantum Mechanics

One of the simplest examples of an exactly soluble model which illustrates the basic elements of duality is the quantum mechanical harmonic oscillator [304]. This model in fact provides an ideal laboratory to address the question of whether asymptotic sum rules can be obtained even if they are saturated by a single resonance. Here we use the simplified case of a 2+1 dimensional harmonic oscillator, as discussed by Radyushkin [309], which avoids the unnecessary algebraic complications of the 3+1 dimensional case. (The latter was considered by Vainshtein *et al.* [304] — see also Refs. [310–312].) Here we shall follow closely the notations of Refs. [304,309].

In quantum mechanics the time-dependent Green's function for the propagation of a particle in an external field from a point $(\vec{0}, 0)$ to the point (\vec{x}, t) is given by

$$G(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_n^*(\vec{0}) \psi_n(\vec{x}) e^{iE_n t} , \quad (227)$$

where $\psi_n(\vec{x})$ is the eigenfunction describing the particle in the n -th excited state with energy E_n . The time evolution of the Green's function turns out to be easier to study in imaginary time. Performing a Wick rotation to Euclidean space, $t \rightarrow i\tau$, and taking $\vec{x} = 0$, the Green's function then becomes [309]

$$G(\vec{0}, \tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\psi_n(\vec{0})|^2 e^{-E_n \tau} . \quad (228)$$

One can show that for small Euclidean time intervals, $\tau \rightarrow 0$, the interacting Green's function approaches the free Green's function, as it would for the case of asymptotic freedom (see also Ref. [313]). In order to make the analogy with the OPE more apparent, it will be more convenient to express the Green's function in terms of the conjugate parameter $\epsilon \equiv 1/\tau$, and to define the function

$$M(\epsilon) \equiv G(\vec{0}, 1/\epsilon) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\psi_n(0)|^2 e^{-E_n/\epsilon} . \quad (229)$$

For a 2+1 dimensional harmonic oscillator potential, $V = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 r^2$, the energy levels are given by

$$E_n = (2n + 1) \omega , \quad (230)$$

where ω is the oscillator frequency, m is the particle mass, and the wave function at the origin, $|\psi_0(\vec{0})|^2 = m\omega/\pi$, is independent of the excitation level n . Performing the sum over n , the function $M(\epsilon)$ can be written as

$$M(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-E_n/\epsilon} = \frac{m \omega}{2\pi \sinh \omega \tau} . \quad (231)$$

In the $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$ limit, $M(\epsilon)$ collapses to its free limit,

$$M_0(\epsilon) = \frac{m \epsilon}{2\pi} . \quad (232)$$

Note that even though each term in the series in Eq. (231) depends on ω , the total sum in the asymptotic limit is independent of ω . This can be compared with the scale independence of the DIS structure function, when summed over Q^2 -dependent resonance form factors. In fact, expanding $M(\epsilon)$ in Eq. (231) for large ϵ in powers of $1/\epsilon$, one has [309]

$$M(\epsilon) = M_0(\epsilon) \left(1 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\omega^2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{7}{360} \frac{\omega^4}{\epsilon^4} - \frac{31}{15120} \frac{\omega^6}{\epsilon^6} + \dots \right) , \quad (233)$$

where the $1/\epsilon^2$ corrections resemble the $1/Q^2$ corrections in the twist expansion of Sec. V A 1.

To demonstrate how the sum over bound state wave functions coincides with free states, one can use the spectral representation for the Green's function,

$$M(\epsilon) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dE \rho(E) e^{-E/\epsilon} , \quad (234)$$

where the harmonic oscillator spectral function,

$$\rho(E) \equiv m\omega \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta(E - E_n) , \quad (235)$$

is a superposition of δ -functions in the energy E , with the harmonic oscillator energy levels E_n . The asymptotic function $M_0(\epsilon)$ can also be expressed in terms of an analogous free spectral function,

$$\rho_0(E) = \frac{1}{2} m \theta(E) , \quad (236)$$

as illustrated in Fig. 74. Clearly the free and interacting spectral densities cannot be more orthogonal to each other! However, by integrating the latter between the mid-points of adjacent δ -functions, one finds an *exact local duality* between the free and interacting spectral densities,

$$\int_{2n\omega}^{2(n+1)\omega} dE (\rho(E) - \rho_0(E)) = 0 , \quad \forall \quad n \geq 0 . \quad (237)$$

In addition to the lowest moment, a similar duality holds also for the first moment of ρ ,

$$\int_{2n\omega}^{2(n+1)\omega} dE E (\rho(E) - \rho_0(E)) = 0 . \quad (238)$$

Generalizing this to the exponential-weighted densities in $M(\epsilon)$, one has

$$\int_0^\infty dE e^{-E/\epsilon} (\rho(E) - \rho_0(E)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \right)^n , \quad (239)$$

where c_n are coefficients, and once again the power corrections $1/\epsilon$ are reminiscent of the twist expansion in QCD. Note that since there is no $\mathcal{O}(1)$ term in the difference, one also has an *exact global duality* in the $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$ limit,

$$\int_0^\infty dE (\rho(E) - \rho_0(E)) = 0 . \quad (240)$$

Similar results have been obtained for potentials other than the harmonic oscillator, such as the infinite spherical well, or a linear potential — in fact, any potential which is nonsingular at the origin will satisfy a relation similar to Eq. (240) [304].

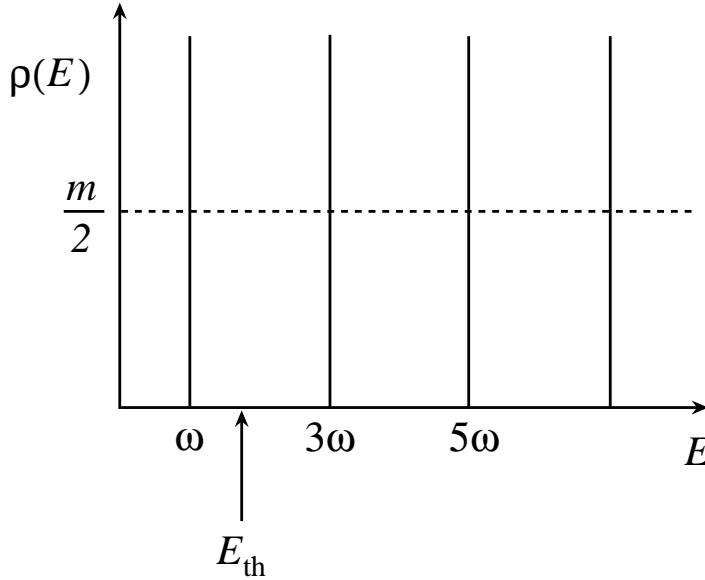


FIG. 74. Spectral density $\rho(E)$ as a function of energy for the 2+1 dimensional harmonic oscillator. The harmonic oscillator levels (δ -functions) are indicated by solid vertical lines, and the free particle level is indicated by the dashed horizontal line at $m/2$. The approximate location of the continuum threshold E_{th} is indicated by the arrow.

The utility of the sum rule method lies in the possibility of extracting properties of the ground state ψ_0 from the asymptotic sum. Both the ground state energy E_0 and wave function ψ_0 are obtained by matching the $n \geq 1$ contributions to $M(\epsilon)$ in (231) with the free result above some threshold, $E > E_{\text{th}}$. This is achieved by replacing the lower limit of integration in Eq. (234) by E_{th} , and the interacting density ρ by ρ_0 , which leads to the relation

$$|\psi_0(\vec{0})|^2 e^{-E_0/\epsilon} \approx \frac{m\epsilon}{2\pi} \left(1 - e^{-E_{\text{th}}/\epsilon} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\omega^2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{7}{360} \frac{\omega^4}{\epsilon^4} + \dots \right) . \quad (241)$$

Differentiating both sides of (241) with respect to $1/\epsilon$ then enables one to solve for E_0 in terms of E_{th} and ϵ , and compare with the exact expression (230). In the $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$ limit (which corresponds to asymptotic freedom), one obtains exact duality for the ground state alone,

$$|\psi_0(\vec{0})|^2 \rightarrow \frac{mE_{\text{th}}}{2\pi} , \quad (242)$$

where the corresponding “duality interval” in this limit is given by $E_{\text{th}} \rightarrow 2\omega$. At finite ϵ the accuracy of the sum rule estimate depends on the order at which one truncates the series. Truncating at order ω^3 , Radyushkin [309] finds the minimum dependence on ϵ for $E_0 = 0.95 \omega$, which corresponds to an energy threshold $E_{\text{th}} = 1.75 \omega$. For these values, the wave function $|\psi_0(\vec{0})|^2 \approx 0.9m\omega/\pi$. Up to this order, one therefore finds that the parameters describing the ground state can be described with $\sim 10\%$ accuracy. The main source of error is associated with the somewhat crude treatment of the spectral density for the $n \geq 1$ states. In contrast, while the lowest state is narrow in Nature, the higher excited states are usually rather broad, so that approximating these by free quark states may lead to even better convergence. The convergence of the series may also be improved by performing a Borel summation, as discussed in the next section.

2. Duality for the ρ Meson

In field theory the Green’s function $G(\vec{x}, t)$ generalizes to a current-current correlator, $\Pi(q^2)$, defined in the momentum representation as the vacuum expectation value of the time-ordered product of currents $J_\mu = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_\mu\psi(x)$,

$$(q_\mu q_\nu - q^2 g_{\mu\nu}) \Pi(q^2) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T(J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0)) | 0 \rangle , \quad (243)$$

where $\psi(x)$ is the quark field. To illustrate the practical application of the QCD sum rule method we shall determine the properties of the ground state in the spin-1, isospin-1 channel, corresponding to the ρ meson.

In analogy with the twist expansion in DIS, at large q^2 the correlator $\Pi(q^2)$ can be expanded using the OPE in terms of expectation values of local operators $\hat{\mathcal{O}}$ multiplied by hard Wilson coefficients $C_n(q^2)$,

$$\Pi(q^2) = \sum_n C_n(q^2) \langle 0 | \hat{\mathcal{O}} | 0 \rangle . \quad (244)$$

For space-like momenta $Q^2 \equiv -q^2 > 0$ the correlator satisfies a standard dispersion relation,

$$\Pi(Q^2) = \Pi(0) - \frac{Q^2}{12\pi^2} \int_0^\infty ds \frac{R(s)}{s(s+Q^2)} , \quad (245)$$

where

$$R(s) = \frac{\sigma_h(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} \quad (246)$$

is the ratio of e^+e^- annihilation cross sections into hadrons (in the $I = 1$ channel) to that into muons, at a value s of the total center of mass energy squared of the e^+e^- pair (see also Sec. VIB below). The elementary muon cross section is given by

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s}, \quad (247)$$

where α is the electromagnetic fine structure constant.

As mentioned in the preceding section, the convergence properties of the sum rule can be improved by making a Borel transformation of both the OPE (partonic) and dispersion (hadronic) sides of the sum rule, as defined by the operation

$$\hat{B} f(Q^2) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(M^2), \quad (248)$$

where

$$\hat{B} = \lim_{\substack{Q^2, n \rightarrow \infty \\ M^2 \text{ fixed}}} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} (Q^2)^n \left(-\frac{d}{dQ^2} \right)^n. \quad (249)$$

Here $M^2 \equiv Q^2/n$ is the square of the Borel mass, which sets the scale at which the long- and short-distance expansions are matched. Application of the Borel transform to the correlator $\Pi(Q^2)$ leads to the sum rule [302]

$$\int_0^\infty ds e^{-s/M^2} R(s) = \frac{3}{2} M^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(M)}{\pi} - \frac{2\pi^2 f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2}{M^4} + \frac{\pi}{3M^4} \langle \alpha_s G \cdot G \rangle - \frac{448\pi^3}{81M^6} \alpha_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 \right\}, \quad (250)$$

where the coefficients of the $1/M$ power corrections are given in terms of quark and gluon vacuum condensates, $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \equiv \langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle$ and $\langle \alpha_s G \cdot G \rangle \equiv \langle 0 | \alpha_s G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} | 0 \rangle$, with $f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2 = -2 \langle m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d \rangle$. Note the absence of $\mathcal{O}(1/M^2)$ corrections on the right hand side of Eq. (250). The $\mathcal{O}(1)$ term in Eq. (250) corresponds to the free quark result for $R(s)$,

$$R_0(s) = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right), \quad (251)$$

evaluated to order α_s . The famous factor of $3/2$ in $R_0(s)$ arises from the number of quark colors (3), and the square of the isovector quark charge, $(e_q^{I=1})^2 = ((e_u - e_d)/2)^2$, multiplied by 2 (for u and d quarks). Just as in the DIS case, the $1/M$ power corrections in the sum rule (250) parameterize the effects of confinement, and control the behavior of the resonance contributions. Taking the $M^2 \rightarrow \infty$ limit, the exponent $e^{-s/M^2} \rightarrow 1$, and the power corrections vanish, leaving an exact duality between the hadronic contributions and the free result,

$$\int_0^\infty ds (R(s) - R_0(s)) \rightarrow 0. \quad (252)$$

Using phenomenological values for the quark and gluon condensates, $\langle m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d \rangle \approx -(0.114 \text{ GeV})^4$, $|\langle \bar{q}q \rangle| \approx (0.25 \text{ GeV})^3$, and $\langle \alpha_s G \cdot G \rangle \approx (0.44 \text{ GeV})^4$, the sum rule (250) gives

$$\int_0^\infty ds e^{-s/M^2} R(s) \approx \frac{3}{2} M^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(M)}{\pi} + 0.1 \left(\frac{0.6 \text{ GeV}^2}{M^2} \right)^2 - 0.14 \left(\frac{0.6 \text{ GeV}^2}{M^2} \right)^3 \right\}. \quad (253)$$

Choosing the Borel mass to be equal to the ρ mass, $M^2 = m_\rho^2 \approx 0.6 \text{ GeV}^2$, the power corrections appear to be relatively small compared with the free quark term, even though for such a value of M^2 the (physical) cross section integral is dominated by a single (ρ) resonance!

In the narrow resonance approximation the ρ contribution is given by

$$R^{(\rho)}(s) = \frac{12\pi^2 m_\rho^2}{g_\rho^2} \delta(s - m_\rho^2) , \quad (254)$$

where the coupling constant g_ρ is defined in terms of the matrix element of the vector current, $\langle 0 | J_\mu | \rho \rangle = \epsilon_\mu (m_\rho^2 / g_\rho)$. One can attempt therefore to extract the ρ properties by neglecting both the power corrections to the asymptotic result $R_0(s)$, and the higher-mass resonances above the ρ pole,

$$\int_0^\infty ds e^{-s/m_\rho^2} R^{(\rho)}(s) \approx \frac{12\pi^2 m_\rho^2}{e g_\rho^2} . \quad (255)$$

This then leads to a remarkable prediction for the ρ coupling constant in terms of the fundamental constants e and π [303],

$$\frac{g_\rho^2}{4\pi} \approx \frac{2\pi}{e} \approx 2.3 , \quad (256)$$

which is very close to the phenomenological value 2.36 ± 0.18 . Therefore asymptotic freedom severely constrains the properties of a single resonance! Contrast this with the extraction of the nucleon elastic form factors from DIS structure functions at $x \sim 1$ using local duality, in Sec. VC 1.

An improvement on the simple model with the single resonance can be made by adopting the “pole + continuum” ansatz for the spectral density, illustrated in Fig. 75, in which the hadronic ratio above the continuum threshold $s > s_0$ is assumed to be reliably evaluated in terms of the free quark ratio,

$$R(s) = R^{(\rho)}(s) + R_0(s) \theta(s - s_0) . \quad (257)$$

This in fact amounts to a statement of duality,

$$\int_0^{s_0} ds R(s) = \int_0^{s_0} ds R_0(s) , \quad (258)$$

of which Eq. (255) is a particular example. Adopting a similar strategy as for the harmonic oscillator study in Sec. VIA 1, the coupling constant, ρ mass, and threshold s_0 can be extracted from the sum rule by identifying the region where the results are most stable with respect to variation of s_0 and M^2 . In this manner one obtains $m_\rho^2 \approx 0.6 \text{ GeV}^2$, $g_\rho^2/4\pi \approx 2.4$, with $s_0 \approx 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, which is within the anticipated $\sim 10\%$ accuracy of the sum rule method [303,309].

Despite the simplicity of the model for the spectral density adopted, this example illustrates the power of QCD sum rules and the effectiveness of the quark-hadron duality assumption underpinning this method. In the next section we discuss more practical applications of duality in e^+e^- annihilation by considering more realistic models.

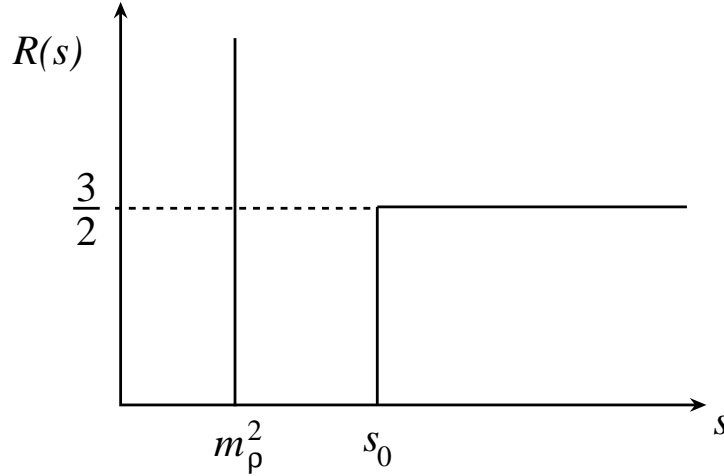


FIG. 75. Simple model of the spectral density for the ratio $R(s)$ of e^+e^- annihilation cross sections in the $I = 1$ channel for hadrons to muons. The pole contribution is at $s = m_\rho^2$ and the continuum begins at $s = s_0$. The free quark result, $R(s) = 3/2$, at $s \rightarrow \infty$ is indicated by the dashed extension.

B. Electron-Positron Annihilation

One of the classic manifestations of quark-hadron duality is in inclusive e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons. The annihilation reaction $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$ proceeds through a virtual photon coupling to a $q\bar{q}$ pair, which subsequently hadronizes into physical hadrons X , $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow X$. At low energies the $q\bar{q}$ pair forms a series of bound states; at higher energies the $q\bar{q}$ states appear as broad resonances which merge into a smooth continuum. The continuum cross section is well described by the production of a “free” $q\bar{q}$ pair followed by fragmentation into the observed hadrons. Duality in e^+e^- annihilation relates appropriate averages of the highly structured physical hadronic cross section, σ_h , to the smooth cross section for quark pair production, $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}$, which can be calculated perturbatively,

$$\langle \sigma_h \rangle \approx \langle \sigma_{q\bar{q}} \rangle , \quad (259)$$

where the brackets $\langle \dots \rangle$ denote averaging. The duality relation (259), illustrated schematically in Fig. 76, has been used extensively in many applications, such as the extraction of quark masses from data, prediction of leptonic widths, and fundamental tests of QCD.

In Sec. VIB 2 we consider an illustration of duality in e^+e^- annihilation in hadronic, pre-QCD language, in terms of the vector meson dominance model. More formal discussions of duality, in terms of quark degrees of freedom, are presented in Sec. VIB 3 for potential models, both nonrelativistically and relativistically, and examples of duality violating corrections are given. The appearance of duality in the exactly soluble case of QCD in 1+1 dimensions with a large number of colors is described in Sec. VIB 4. Before proceeding to

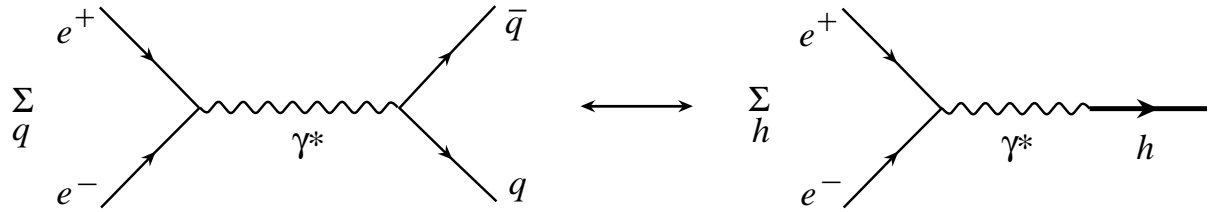


FIG. 76. Quark-hadron duality in e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons: the sum over free $q\bar{q}$ pairs (left) is dual to the average of hadrons h (right).

the theoretical descriptions of e^+e^- duality, however, we firstly consider the important issue of smearing, and how to relate the quark level calculation with that at the hadronic level. This will illuminate the resonance averaging which was inherent in the observation of duality in inclusive electron–nucleon scattering.

1. Smearing Methods

While the production of $q\bar{q}$ pairs in e^+e^- annihilation can be calculated in QCD using perturbation theory, a direct comparison with the measured hadronic cross sections is of course more problematic. Such a comparison can be made at large s , where the conversion of $q\bar{q}$ pairs into hadrons produces a smooth dependence on s . However, just as in inclusive electron scattering, at low s the cross section is dominated by resonances and multihadron thresholds, giving a rich structure whose description is far beyond the scope of perturbative QCD.

As was found for Bloom-Gilman duality in inclusive DIS, one can nevertheless try to relate the calculated $q\bar{q}$ cross section to the observed hadronic cross section at low s by suitably averaging or smearing the hadronic cross section. Some examples of smearing techniques were previously encountered in Sec. V, where averages of resonances were found to closely resemble scaling structure functions. Here we consider several specific methods of smearing which, although applied to e^+e^- annihilation, can be generalized to other processes, including deep inelastic structure functions.

One method of smoothing the e^+e^- ratio $R(s)$ considered by Adler [314] and De Rújula & Georgi [315] involved extrapolating the experimental data from the timelike to the spacelike regions via dispersion relations. Comparisons with perturbative QCD predictions could then be made for the extrapolated quantity

$$D(Q^2) \equiv Q^2 \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{R(s)}{(s + Q^2)^2} = \frac{3\pi}{\alpha} Q^2 \left. \frac{d\Pi(s)}{ds} \right|_{s=-Q^2}, \quad Q^2 < 0, \quad (260)$$

where $\Pi(s)$ is the vacuum polarization amplitude. Clearly the integration over s has the effect of smearing any structures in R , which results in a smoothed quantity $D(Q^2)$. The

disadvantage of this technique is that one must make assumptions about the behavior of R at high energies, outside the measured region, in order to make use of the dispersion relations.

Another technique for smearing the ratio R directly in the timelike region was proposed by Poggio, Quinn & Weinberg [316], borrowing ideas from the smoothing of neutron cross sections in nuclear reactions [317]. Defining the smeared ratio

$$\bar{R}(s, \Delta) = \frac{\Delta}{\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{R(s')}{(s' - s)^2 + \Delta^2} , \quad (261)$$

where Δ is a phenomenological parameter, the integral averages out both the quark-gluon thresholds in the theoretical cross sections and the hadronic thresholds and resonances in perturbation theory. Poggio *et al.* [316] argue that as long as Δ is sufficiently large, $\bar{R}(s, \Delta)$ can be calculated with some number N_Δ of terms in perturbation theory. On the other hand, keeping Δ as small as possible ensures that maximal information can be extracted from the data. Since N_Δ decreases with decreasing Δ , making the averaging too fine grained may lead to N_Δ being as small as 1. To order α_s , and including only contributions from quarks, $R(s)$ is given in perturbative QCD by

$$R_0(s) = \frac{3}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 v_q (3 - v_q^2) \left(1 + \frac{4}{3} \alpha_s f(v_q) \right) , \quad (262)$$

where $v_q = \sqrt{1 - 4m_q^2/s}$ and

$$f(v_q) = \frac{\pi}{2v_q} - \frac{3 + v_q}{4} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{3}{4\pi} \right) . \quad (263)$$

In the limit $s \gg m_q^2$ one has $v_q \rightarrow 1$, and the ratio

$$R_0(s) \rightarrow 3 \sum_q e_q^2 \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(s)}{\pi} \right) . \quad (264)$$

In this limit the right hand side of Eq. (264) reduces to the expression in Eq. (251) for the vector-isovector channel.

A different smearing method, using the lowest moment of R , was proposed by Shankar [318] and Greco *et al.* [319], in which the experimental ratio was smeared by integrating over s up to some maximum value \bar{s} [319],

$$M(\bar{s}) = \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\bar{s}} ds R(s) . \quad (265)$$

While the ratio R itself displays prominent resonance structures at low s , as illustrated in Fig. 77 (a), these structures have almost disappeared in the moment $M(\bar{s})$ shown in Fig. 77 (b). Apart from shoulders in $M(\bar{s})$ corresponding to thresholds of the prominent resonances, the \bar{s} dependence is very smooth.

The inset in Fig. 77 (b) shows in more detail $M(\bar{s})$ in the low- \bar{s} region, where the bumps at $\bar{s} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ correspond to the ρ , ω and ϕ meson thresholds. Extrapolating the smooth

curve at large \bar{s} down to zero, one sees that the extrapolated curve would roughly bisect the structures associated with the low-mass resonances. The implication of this is that the value of R extrapolated from large s approximately coincides with the value averaged over the ρ , ω and ϕ resonances. This scenario exactly parallels the low- s (or low- W) structures in inclusive electron–nucleon structure functions, which are averaged by the high- s scaling function extrapolated into the resonance region — see Sec. IV. The approximate equality of the structure functions integrated over resonances with those integrated over the smooth deep inelastic continuum is also reminiscent of the leading-twist dominance of moments of structure functions, even when these are dominated by resonance contributions at low Q^2 .

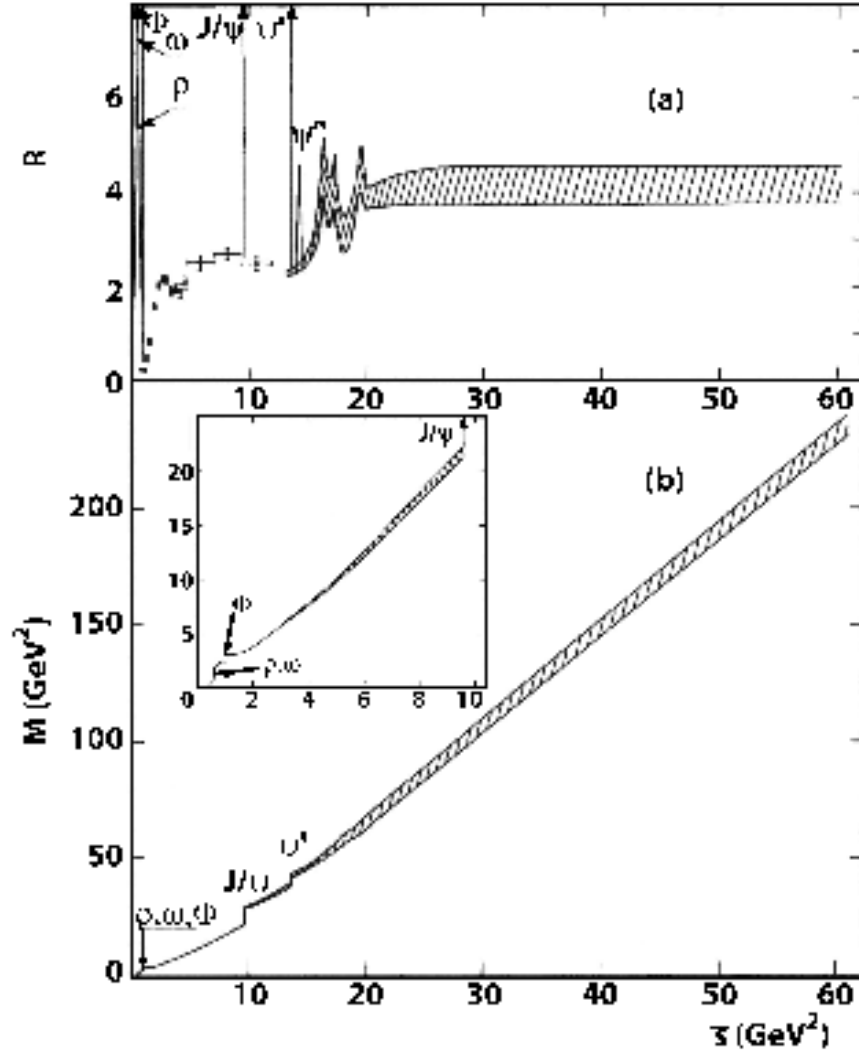


FIG. 77. (a) Ratio R versus s (in GeV^2). The shaded bands represent experimental uncertainties at large s . (b) Zeroth moment $M(\bar{s})$ as a function of \bar{s} . The inset highlights the small- \bar{s} ($< 10 \text{ GeV}^2$) region. (Adapted from Ref. [319].)

2. Vector Meson Dominance

Duality in e^+e^- annihilation can be studied more quantitatively within dynamical models. Early, pre-QCD attempts to link the behavior of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$ cross section at low energies with that at high energies were made using the phenomenological vector meson dominance model and its generalizations. Here at low s the photon interacts through the standard (ρ , ω , ϕ) vector mesons, while at high energies it couples to a continuum of hadronic vector states with a linear mass spectrum. The $1/s$ behavior of the total hadronic cross section at large s arises from an infinite series of vector meson peaks, which add together to

build up a smooth scaling continuum in much the same way as the scaling curve in DIS is obtained from a sum over an infinite series of s -channel resonances (see also Sec. VB 2).

Quantitatively, the total cross section σ_h corresponding to the coupling of the photon to vector mesons can be written as [320]

$$\sigma_h(s) = \sigma_{\mu^+\mu^-}(s) \sum_n \frac{12\pi}{f_n^2} \frac{m_n^3 \Gamma_n}{(s - m_n^2)^2 + m_n^2 \Gamma_n^2} , \quad (266)$$

where f_n gives the strength of the coupling to a vector meson of mass m_n and width Γ_n , and $\sigma_{\mu^+\mu^-}$ is the $\mu^+\mu^-$ production cross section, Eq. (247). The sum in Eq. (266) must include an infinite number of vector meson states if $\sigma_h(s) \sim 1/s$ on average. Furthermore, the $1/s$ behavior imposes a constraint between the density of meson states ρ_n per unit mass squared interval and the coupling f_n ,

$$\rho_n \propto \frac{f_n^2}{m_n^2} , \quad (267)$$

for all states n . For a linear mass spectrum,

$$m_n^2 = m_\rho^2 (1 + a n) , \quad (268)$$

where $a = 2$ corresponds to a pure Veneziano-like mass spectrum, one finds asymptotically the remarkable relation [320,321]

$$R(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_h(s)}{\sigma_{\mu^+\mu^-}(s)} = \frac{8\pi^2}{f_\rho^2} . \quad (269)$$

Namely, at asymptotically large s the ratio is determined entirely by the coupling of a photon to the ground state ρ . For $f_\rho \sim 6$ [320], numerically the ratio is ~ 2 (*cf.* the asymptotic QCD sum rule result in Eq. (251)).

Sakurai [320] further developed the relation between the hadronic cross section and its asymptotic limit $\sigma_0(s)$ by formulating a “finite energy sum rule” version of the duality relation (also known as “ Q^2 duality”),

$$\int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\bar{s}} ds \, s \, \sigma_h(s) \approx \int_{s_0}^{\bar{s}} ds \, s \, \sigma_0(s) , \quad (270)$$

where σ_0 is given by the imaginary part of the vacuum polarization amplitude $\Pi_0(s)$,

$$\sigma_0(s) = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{s} \Im m \, \Pi_0(s) , \quad (271)$$

and s_0 denotes the onset of the absorptive cut of $\Pi_0(s)$ in the s -plane. This relation provides a vivid analogy with dual models of the strong interactions: the vector meson contributions on the left hand side of Eq. (270) at low energies average to the asymptotic cross section extrapolated down to low s . One can further speculate that this duality holds locally and that the finite energy sum rule is satisfied even if the maximum value of s , \bar{s} , is chosen not far above the ϕ meson mass.

While phenomenologically the “ Q^2 duality” appears to be reasonably well satisfied, the formulation of the model entirely in terms of hadronic degrees of freedom leaves the way open for a deeper understanding of the duality phenomenon at the quark level. We turn to this in the following.

3. Potential Models

The duality between the e^+e^- hadronic cross section at low energy and its high-energy behavior can also be described microscopically in terms of the underlying quark degrees of freedom. Here we consider several models in which this duality can be made explicit, firstly by considering the nonrelativistic limit, which should be valid for heavy quarks, and then generalizing to the relativistic case.

For nonrelativistic, free quarks the $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ cross section (for one quark flavor) is given by [322]

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{nr}} = \frac{6\pi\alpha^2}{s} e_q^2 v^{\text{nr}} |\psi_E^{\text{nr}}(0)|^2, \quad (272)$$

where $\psi_E^{\text{nr}}(0)$ is the free $q\bar{q}$ wave function for energy $E = \sqrt{s} - 2m_q$, and $v^{\text{nr}} = \sqrt{E/m_q}$ is the nonrelativistic velocity. For non-interacting particles, with conventional plane-wave normalization, one has $|\psi_E^{\text{nr}}(0)|^2 = 1$.

The nonrelativistic cross section for producing $q\bar{q}$ bound states (in some confining potential), on the other hand, is given by [322,323]

$$\sigma_{\text{bound}}^{\text{nr}} = \frac{24\pi^2\alpha^2}{m_q^2 s} e_q^2 \sum_n |\psi_n^{\text{nr}}(0)|^2 \delta(E - E_n), \quad (273)$$

where n is the radial quantum number of the bound state with excitation energy E_n , and $\psi_n^{\text{nr}}(0)$ is the bound state wave function at the origin. For non-singular potentials the wave function $\psi_n^{\text{nr}}(0)$ is related to the density of states, $\rho_n^{\text{nr}} \equiv dn/dE_n$, according to [324–326]

$$|\psi_n^{\text{nr}}(0)|^2 = \frac{m_q^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{v_n^{\text{nr}}}{\rho_n^{\text{nr}}}, \quad (274)$$

where $v_n^{\text{nr}} = \sqrt{(E_n - V(0))/m_q}$ is the velocity of a free quark with energy $(E_n - V(0))/2$. For duality to exist the averaged free quark cross section should be equal to the bound state cross section smoothed over an appropriate energy interval (*cf.* Eq. (259)),

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{bound}}^{\text{nr}} \rangle \approx \langle \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{nr}} \rangle. \quad (275)$$

The energy averaging over the δ -function in Eq. (273) can be implemented for instance by replacing $\delta(E - E_n)$ by smooth functions (*e.g.*, Gaussians) with a finite width Δ [327].

Early work by Krammer & Leal-Ferreira [324] and Quigg & Rosner [325] showed that the duality relation (275) indeed emerges from a nonrelativistic ($v^{\text{nr}} \ll 1$) potential model in the Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin (WKB) approximation. Bell & Pasupathy [326] generalized the results to higher partial waves, using the Thomas-Fermi approximation for the density of a Fermi gas with one particle per level in a non-singular potential. Later Durand & Durand [322] showed that the energy-averaged cross sections in Eq. (275) can be related by a Fourier transform to the short-time behavior of the quark propagator. For a given confining potential, the short-time propagator is then related to the free propagator, with calculable corrections.

Bhaduri & Pasupathy [323] used a different smoothing procedure, in which the energy-averaged bound state cross section is related to the *unsmear*ed free quark cross section. For a harmonic oscillator potential, $V(r) = m\omega^2 r^2/2$, where $m = m_q/2$ is the reduced mass of the $q\bar{q}$ system, the averaged bound state cross section is expanded in powers of \hbar to yield [323]

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{bound}}^{\text{nr}} \rangle = \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{nr}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{E} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^4) \right\} . \quad (276)$$

To lowest order the averaged bound state cross section is manifestly equal to the free quark cross section $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{nr}}$. More generally, for any non-singular potential $V(r)$ one can write [323]

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{bound}}^{\text{nr}} \rangle = \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{nr}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\hbar^2}{8m_q} \frac{V''(0)}{E^2} + \frac{5\hbar^2}{32m_q} \frac{|V'(0)|^2}{E^3} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^4) \right\} , \quad (277)$$

where the correction terms are given by derivatives of $V(r)$ at the origin. One can verify that for the harmonic oscillator potential this expression reduces to Eq. (276).

While the nonrelativistic duality may be relevant phenomenologically for heavy quarks, for light quarks one needs to demonstrate that duality is also valid relativistically. A proof of relativistic duality in e^+e^- annihilation was given by Durand & Durand [328] in the framework of the Bethe-Salpeter equation. The relativistic free quark cross section is given by [326]

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{s} e_q^2 v_q (3 - v_q^2) \theta(s - 4m_q^2) , \quad (278)$$

where v_q is the velocity of the quark in the center of mass system (*cf.* Eq. (262)). The corresponding relativistic bound state cross section can be written

$$\sigma_{\text{bound}} = 6\pi^2 \sum_n \frac{\Gamma_n(e^+e^-)}{s} \delta(\sqrt{s} - M_n) , \quad (279)$$

where the width $\Gamma_n(e^+e^-)$ is given by [328]

$$\Gamma_n(e^+e^-) = \frac{16\pi\alpha^2}{M_n^2} e_q^2 |\psi_n(0)|^2 (1 - \Delta_n) , \quad (280)$$

with $\psi_n(0)$ the “large” component of the S -state Bethe-Salpeter wave function at zero space-time quark separation. The term Δ_n includes D -state effects and terms arising from the “small” components of the wave function. For relativistic systems the wave function is related to the relativistic density of states $\rho_n \equiv dn/dM_n$ (*cf.* Eq. (274)) via [328]

$$|\psi_n(0)|^2 \approx \frac{M_n'^2 v_n'}{16\pi^2 \rho_n} (1 - \Delta_n') , \quad (281)$$

where v_n' is the relativistic velocity of a free quark with energy $M_n'/2 = (M_n - V(0))/2$, and Δ_n' is a correction for retardation and radiative gluonic effects. Once again the duality relation (259) is obtained by substituting Eqs. (280) and (281) into the bound state cross section (279), averaging the result over an appropriate energy range, and replacing the sum over n by an integral. Relativistic duality can thus be used, for example, to estimate the radiative corrections to the leptonic widths $\Gamma_n(e^+e^-)$ for bound $q\bar{q}$ systems by using the known results for free $q\bar{q}$ systems.

4. e^+e^- Annihilation in the 't Hooft Model

The duality relations in the potential models discussed above raise the question of whether and how duality in e^+e^- annihilation can be shown to arise in QCD. A step towards answering this question was made by Einhorn [329] and Bradley *et al.* [330] who considered e^+e^- annihilation in QCD in 1+1 dimensions in the $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit (the 't Hooft model).

As discussed in Sec. VB 1, the 't Hooft model [199] is a fully soluble theory, which has the features of confinement and asymptotic freedom. The mass spectrum consists of an infinite sequence of narrow bound states which become equally spaced in m_n^2 ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) at large n , reminiscent of linear Regge trajectories. In terms of the vacuum polarization amplitude $\Pi(s)$, which is related to the cross section as in Eq. (271), the bound state contribution to the imaginary part of $\Pi(s)$ is given by [330]

$$\Im m \Pi(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n^2 \delta(s - m_n^2) , \quad (282)$$

where the couplings g_n are zero for n odd (due to parity). Because of the completeness relation for the $q\bar{q}$ wave functions, the couplings satisfy $\sum_n g_n^2 = 1$. (Values for the couplings and masses can be obtained [330] by solving the 't Hooft equation [199] numerically.) In the limit $s \rightarrow \infty$ the vacuum polarization amplitude becomes

$$\Pi(s) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\pi s} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds \Im m \Pi(s) = -\frac{1}{\pi s} . \quad (283)$$

It is instructive to also consider the case of large but finite N_c . Here one may approximate the sum of δ -functions by a sum of Breit-Wigner resonances [329],

$$\Pi(s) \sim \sum_n g_n^2 \frac{m_n \Gamma_n}{(s - m_n^2)^2 + m_n^2 \Gamma_n^2} , \quad (284)$$

where Γ_n is the width of meson n . As $N_c \rightarrow \infty$, $\Gamma_n \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1/N_c)$, so that on the resonance peak the cross section is $\mathcal{O}(N_c^2)$, whereas between the resonances ($s \neq m_n^2$) it is $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

Asymptotically, the absorptive part of the vacuum polarization amplitude calculated in terms of free quarks is [330]

$$\Im m \Pi_0(s) = 2m_q^2 (s - 4m_q^2)^{1/2} s^{-3/2} \theta(s - 4m_q^2) , \quad (285)$$

which leads to

$$\Pi_0(s) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\pi s} \int_{4m_q^2}^{\infty} ds \Im m \Pi_0(s) = -\frac{1}{\pi s} . \quad (286)$$

Thus the global duality relation,

$$\int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds \Im m \Pi(s) = \int_{4m_q^2}^{\infty} ds \Im m \Pi_0(s) , \quad (287)$$

between the absorptive part corresponding to free $q\bar{q}$ pairs, and that associated with narrow resonance poles and confined quarks is explicitly verified. Bradley *et al.* [330] further consider

the question of whether this equality also holds for more local averages. Comparing the couplings g_n extracted from duality with those calculated explicitly by solving the 't Hooft equation numerically, one indeed finds good agreement, which becomes exact in the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Once again the close analogy with the appearance of duality in structure functions in the large- N_c limit, as discussed in Sec. VB1, suggests that the phenomenon of duality between bound state resonances and the free quark continuum is a general feature of strongly interacting systems. An even more vivid realization of this is seen in the case of weak decays of heavy mesons, which we turn to in the next section.

C. Heavy Meson Decays

Weak decays of heavy mesons have provided a fertile testing ground for studying the origin of quark-hadron duality in strong interactions. Here systematic expansions, such as those based on heavy quark effective theory (HQET) [331–334], can be used to expand decay rates or widths in inverse powers of the heavy quark mass, $1/m_Q$. In the heavy quark limit, $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$, duality has indeed been shown to be exact, even down to zero recoil energy. Even though the quarks are heavy and move with small momentum, there is typically a large energy release and a correspondingly large number of final states that contribute to the total width. As we have seen in the case of Bloom-Gilman duality in Section V, this is one of the necessary conditions needed to ensure the emergence of duality.

One of the vital practical applications of duality in heavy quark decays is the determination of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix elements V_{cb} and V_{ub} . A major source of uncertainty in their extraction is the deviations from duality expected at higher orders in the $1/m_Q$ expansion. A better understanding of duality would also have clear implications for the identification of physics beyond the Standard Model.

By examining the mechanisms behind duality in heavy meson decays, we shall try to gain insight into the mechanisms underlying Bloom-Gilman duality. In this section we consider both semileptonic and nonleptonic decays of heavy hadrons. More extensive accounts of heavy meson decays can be found in the recent reviews in Refs. [335–338]. Before discussing the phenomenology of duality and its violations in semileptonic and nonleptonic heavy meson decays, it will be useful to consider a simple pedagogical example which illustrates the essential physics of duality in heavy quark systems. This will allow us to compare and contrast this with Bloom-Gilman duality.

1. Duality in Heavy Quark Systems: a Pedagogical Example

Our discussion follows closely that of Isgur *et al.* [197], who considered a simple toy model in which a heavy quark Q bound to a light antiquark \bar{q} decays to a heavy quark Q' after emitting a scalar particle ϕ , $(Q\bar{q})_0 \rightarrow (Q'\bar{q})_n + \phi$. The subscript n denotes the possible excitations of the final state heavy meson that are allowed kinematically. At the free quark level the decay $Q \rightarrow Q' + \phi$ produces the heavy Q' quark with recoil velocity \vec{v} , with the ϕ emitted with kinetic energy T_{free} . At the hadronic level, in the narrow resonance

approximation, the ϕ will emerge with any of the sharp kinetic energies allowed by the strong interaction spectra of these two mesonic systems.

If $M_{(Q\bar{q})_n}$ and $M_{(Q'\bar{q})_n}$ are the masses of the heavy-light bound states of $(Q\bar{q})$ and $(Q'\bar{q})$, respectively, then in the heavy quark limit $M_{(Q\bar{q})_n} - M_{(Q'\bar{q})_n} \simeq m_Q - m_{Q'}$, and the mass difference between the heavy meson and heavy quark can be neglected, $M_{(Q\bar{q})_n} \simeq m_Q$, and $M_{(Q'\bar{q})_n} \simeq m_{Q'}$. In this limit the hadronic spectral lines cluster around T_{free} , and as $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$ they indeed coincide with T_{free} exactly. Since for $m_Q, m_{Q'} \rightarrow \infty$ the decay proceeds as though the quarks Q and Q' were free, the sum of the strengths of the spectral lines clustering around T_{free} is equal to the free quark strength, ensuring exact duality in this limit [197].

One can now proceed to unravel this duality to understand how the required “conspiracy” of spectral line strengths arises physically. Because the recoiling heavy quark Q' carries off a negligible kinetic energy, but a large momentum, its recoil velocity \vec{v} is only slightly changed by the strong interaction. In the rest frame of the recoiling meson, this configuration requires that the two constituents have a relative momentum \vec{q} which increases with \vec{v} . For $\vec{v} \rightarrow 0$ only the ground state process $(Q\bar{q})_0 \rightarrow (Q'\bar{q})_0 + \phi$ is allowed. Since the masses and matrix elements for the transitions $(Q\bar{q})_0 \rightarrow (Q'\bar{q})_0 + \phi$ and $Q \rightarrow Q' + \phi$ are identical, the hadronic and quark spectral lines and strengths are also identical and duality is valid at $\vec{q}^2 = 0$.

For nonzero \vec{v} (and therefore \vec{q}), the elastic form factor decreases from unity, so its spectral line carries less strength. However, since \vec{q} is nonzero, excited states $(Q'\bar{q})_n$ can now be created, with a strength which exactly compensates for the loss of elastic rate. The excited state spectral lines also coincide with T_{free} and duality is once again exact. Regardless of how large \vec{q}^2 becomes, all of the excited states produce spectral lines at T_{free} with strengths that sum to that of the free quark spectral line [197,339,340].

For finite quark masses duality violation occurs, although this is formally suppressed by two powers of $1/m_Q$ [333,335,337] (see Sec. VIC 2 below). In this case the spectral lines are still clustered around T_{free} , but no longer coincide exactly with it. Although the spectral line strengths differ from those of the heavy quark limit, they do so in a way which compensates for the duality violating phase space effects from the spread of spectral lines around T_{free} . In addition, because $m_Q - m_{Q'}$ is now finite, some of the high mass resonances required for exact duality are kinematically forbidden, which also leads to duality violation [197].

From this discussion it is clear that the strong interaction dynamics of heavy meson decays has a number of similarities to that of electron scattering. Essentially the same model was used in Sec.V B to describe scattering from a heavy-light $(Q\bar{q})$ bound state, and the emergence of a scaling function from the $(Q\bar{q})_0 \rightarrow (Q'\bar{q})_n$ transitions. The crucial point is that the system must in each case respond to a relative momentum kick \vec{q} . An important difference, however, is that in a decay to a fixed mass ϕ only a single magnitude \vec{q}^2 is produced at the quark level, while in electron scattering a large range of \vec{q}^2 and ν is accessed. This pedagogical example should serve to remind us that even though the physical origin of duality may be similar, exactly how it manifests itself must of course depend on the specific process at hand.

2. Semileptonic Weak Decays

Having illustrated the essential workings of duality in heavy meson decays in a simple toy model, we now examine the more realistic case of duality in semileptonic weak decays of heavy mesons. Historically, the exact duality between semileptonic decay rates of heavy mesons calculated at the quark and hadronic levels was first pointed out by Voloshin & Shifman [341]. In the extreme nonrelativistic limit, one assumes that the initial (Q) and final (Q') quarks are heavy, and satisfy the relation

$$m_Q + m_{Q'} \gg m_Q - m_{Q'} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} , \quad (288)$$

where m_Q and $m_{Q'}$ are the respective heavy quark masses. This is usually referred to as the “small velocity” or Shifman-Voloshin (SV) limit. In the rest frame of the heavy quark Q , the kinetic energy of the quark Q' produced in the reaction

$$Q \rightarrow Q' l \bar{\nu}_l \quad (289)$$

will be small compared with its mass, but large compared with Λ_{QCD} . The semileptonic decay rate for the process (289) calculated at the quark level is given by [341]

$$\Gamma^q = \frac{G_F^2 \delta m^5}{15\pi^2} |V_{QQ'}|^2 , \quad (290)$$

where G_F is the Fermi decay constant, $V_{QQ'}$ is the $Q \rightarrow Q'$ CKM matrix element, and $\delta m = m_Q - m_{Q'}$. The mass difference between the heavy quark and the corresponding heavy-light meson $M_{(Q\bar{q})}$, where \bar{q} is a light antiquark, is negligible in the SV limit, so that $\delta m = M_{(Q\bar{q})} - M_{(Q'\bar{q})}$.

For sufficiently large quark masses a duality arises between the partonic rate Γ^q and the rate Γ^h calculated at the hadronic level involving a sum over a set of hadronic final states containing Q' . The remarkable feature of the SV limit is that the rate Γ^h for the hadronic decay

$$(Q\bar{q}) \rightarrow X_{Q'} l \bar{\nu}_l \quad (291)$$

is saturated by just *two* exclusive channels, $X_{Q'} = P$ and V , corresponding to pseudoscalar and vector states, respectively. In particular, the rates for the individual P and V channels in the SV limit are [341]

$$\Gamma^P \rightarrow \frac{G_F^2 \delta m^5}{60\pi^2} |V_{QQ'}|^2 , \quad (292)$$

$$\Gamma^V \rightarrow \frac{G_F^2 \delta m^5}{20\pi^2} |V_{QQ'}|^2 , \quad (293)$$

so that the total hadronic rate is exactly dual to the free quark rate,

$$\Gamma^h = \Gamma^P + \Gamma^V \leftrightarrow \Gamma^q . \quad (294)$$

The physical situation where this duality is realized most precisely is in the semileptonic decay of B to D and D^* mesons, where the measured hadronic rates are used to extract

the V_{cb} matrix element. In Fig. 78 we show a sketch of the $B \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}_l$ decay width as a function of the squared mass $M_{X_c}^2$ of the final state charmed meson X_c [342]. The known $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$ spectrum is illustrated by the narrow resonance lines, while the inclusive quark rate $b \rightarrow c l \bar{\nu}_l$ is shown by the continuous curve. Duality is realized by integrating over the mass spectrum M_{X_c} .

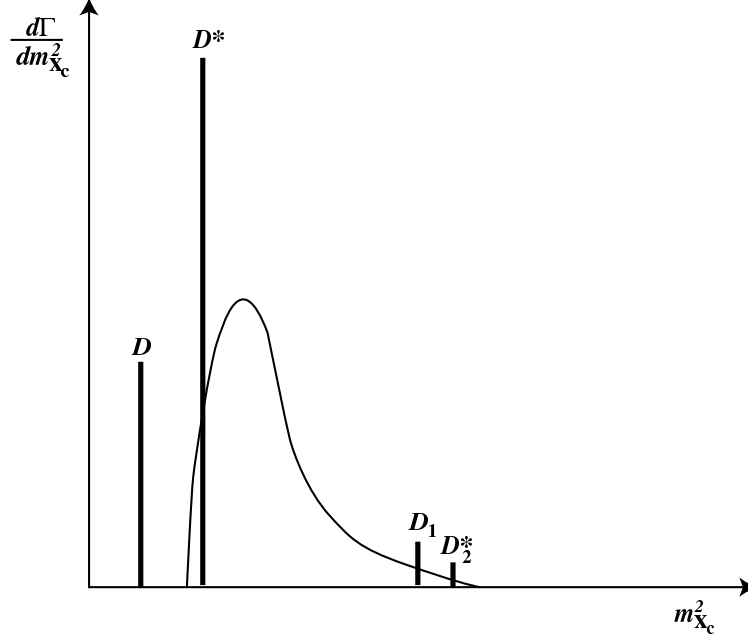


FIG. 78. A sketch of the $b \rightarrow c$ inclusive semileptonic decay spectrum calculated at the quark level (continuous curve) compared to the known $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$ spectrum (resonance lines). (From Ref. [342].)

Of course, in general the hadronic level and quark level rates cannot be identical even at very high energies due to the structure of the singularities in the multiparticle thresholds and quark-gluon production thresholds. However, in computing the semileptonic widths one integrates over the leptonic variables, which amounts to a smearing of the quark level width. In analogy with electron scattering, the equality between the smeared quark and hadronic widths is referred to as global duality, whereas local duality refers to equality between the unsmeared widths. For the example of saturation of the $B \rightarrow X_c l \bar{\nu}_l$ rate by two hadronic final states, D and D^* , a local duality clearly cannot be defined in terms of the mass of the final state M_{X_c} : duality in this case sets in at threshold since even as δm approaches zero as $m_b \rightarrow \infty$, the heavy recoiling c quark has an energy much greater than Λ_{QCD} . In the SV limit it must therefore hadronize with unity probability as D and D^* [343]. As in electron scattering, the issue is not whether duality holds in semileptonic heavy meson decay, but rather how accurately it holds.

While the relationship between the quark and hadronic results in the heavy quark limit is clear, a debate has existed over the leading corrections in the $1/m_Q$ expansion, and the degree to which duality is violated at finite m_Q . In particular, there has been some

controversy about whether the leading corrections to the heavy quark limit enter at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ or $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q^2)$ — see *e.g.*, Refs. [337,342–345].

Using the operator product expansion method developed by Voloshin and Shifman [334], Bigi *et al.* [344] expanded the inclusive decay width for a heavy meson in terms of local operators containing $Q\bar{Q}$ and gluon fields. The imaginary part of the forward $Q \rightarrow Q$ amplitude was expressed as a series of local operators of increasing dimension, with coefficients proportional to powers of $1/m_Q$. Bigi *et al.* [344] find that there are no terms in this expansion which are linear in m_Q : the leading nonperturbative corrections to the widths arise only at order $1/m_Q^2$. The reason for this is that the only operators containing $Q\bar{Q}$ that can induce $1/m_Q$ terms are of dimension four, and these operators either vanish (in the case of total derivatives) or can be reduced via the equations of motion to the original quasi-free operator $Q\bar{Q}$.

On the other hand, it was suggested [342] that hadronic thresholds can lead to violations of duality at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_Q)$ which do not appear explicitly in the OPE, and which could significantly compromise the reliability with which V_{cb} can be extracted. In the infinite mass limit, duality in this picture arises through a cancellation between the fall-off of the ground state contribution and the corresponding rise of the excitations. At finite mass, however, there is some mismatch near zero recoil, which could be of order $1/m_Q$. Isgur [342] and Le Yaouanc *et al.* [346] have studied these possible violation of duality using nonrelativistic quark models.

These results have been challenged, however, by Bigi & Uraltsev [337], who argue that the analyses in Refs. [342,346] are based on a different OPE scheme to that used in Refs. [344,347], and that these differences lead precisely to the terms which are interpreted in [342,346] as violating duality at order $1/m_Q$. Given that the extraction of fundamental Standard Model parameters — the CKM matrix elements V_{cb} and V_{ub} — relies critically on duality, it is clearly vital to understand the degree to which duality holds for B decays, and the size of the duality violations. We shall see in the next section that a similar understanding of duality and its violations is important in nonleptonic decays of heavy mesons.

3. Nonleptonic (Hadronic) Weak Decays

The discussion of duality in nonleptonic (*i.e.*, hadronic) weak decays of heavy mesons follows closely that of semileptonic decays, albeit with some important differences. Whereas for semileptonic decays the heavy meson decays into one heavy meson in the final state, the presence of two hadronic currents in nonleptonic decays requires a factorization of the final state hadrons. In general such factorization has been demonstrated only in special cases, such as for QCD with $N_c \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, since for nonleptonic decays there are no lepton momenta to be integrated over, a more local version of duality needs to exist in order to relate hadronic observables with those calculated from the OPE [348]. Consequently duality violations in nonleptonic decays have also been the subject of controversy [344,348–352].

Working in a special limit which combines the heavy quark and large- N_c limits, Shifman [353] considered to what extent factorization of weak matrix elements can hold in the presence of finite $1/N_c$ corrections. The process considered involves a heavy quark Q decaying into two heavy quarks Q' and Q'' and a light antiquark \bar{q}' ,

$$Q \rightarrow Q' + Q'' + \bar{q}' , \quad (295)$$

with the kinematics defined such that

$$m_{Q'} = m_{Q''} \equiv M , \quad m_Q = 2M + \Delta , \quad M \gg \Delta \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} . \quad (296)$$

This generalizes the SV limit in that the heavy quarks produced are extremely slow and at the same time very energetic. In this generalized limit Shifman [353] showed that a quark level description of the process $Q \rightarrow Q' + Q'' + \bar{q}'$ duals the hadron level description of the transition of the initial meson $(Q\bar{q})$ into two heavy final state mesons,

$$(Q\bar{q}) \rightarrow (Q'\bar{q}) + (Q''\bar{q}') , \quad (297)$$

or

$$(Q\bar{q}) \rightarrow (Q'\bar{q}') + (Q''\bar{q}) . \quad (298)$$

In this case the two-meson final state saturates the partonic decay, with each additional final state meson suppressed by a power of $1/N_c$. To leading order in the $1/N_c$ expansion, one finds that the total weak decay amplitude factorizes for the process in Eq. (297) as [353]

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (Q'\bar{q}) (Q''\bar{q}') \mid \bar{Q}' \Gamma_\mu Q \bar{Q}'' \Gamma^\mu q' \mid (Q\bar{q}) \rangle \\ &= \langle (Q'\bar{q}) \mid \bar{Q}' \Gamma_\mu Q \mid (Q\bar{q}) \rangle \langle (Q''\bar{q}') \mid \bar{Q}'' \Gamma^\mu q' \mid 0 \rangle , \end{aligned} \quad (299)$$

where $\Gamma_\mu = \gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)$, and similarly for the process in Eq. (298). The total quark decay width at leading order in $1/M$ then becomes [353]

$$\frac{d\Gamma^q}{dE_{q'}} = 2N_c \left(\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 + \frac{2\kappa_1^2\kappa_2^2}{N_c} \right) \frac{M^2 E_{q'}^2}{\pi^3} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta - E_{q'}}{M}} , \quad (300)$$

where κ_1 and κ_2 give the respective strengths of the transitions (297) and (298), respectively.

Assuming that the ground state of the initial meson $(Q\bar{q})$ is a pseudoscalar (as for B or D mesons), the hadronic width is calculated by summing over exclusive transitions from the ground state to pseudoscalar and vector $(Q'\bar{q})$ or $(Q'\bar{q}')$ states, and over transitions from the vacuum to scalar and vector $(Q''\bar{q}')$ or $(Q''\bar{q})$ states. If the mass of the excited state is $M + \delta$, with $\delta \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, the total (integrated) hadronic rate is given in the $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit by [353]

$$\Gamma^h = 2N_c \left(\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 \right) \frac{M^2}{\pi^3} \int_0^\Delta d\delta \, \delta^2 \sqrt{\frac{\Delta - \delta}{M}} , \quad (301)$$

which coincides exactly with the quark rate (300) if one identifies δ with $E_{q'}$. In this limit one therefore not only observes duality, but the duality is also local on the Dalitz plot.

Of course the limit (296) is somewhat far from reality — for the decay $B \rightarrow D\pi$ it would correspond to $m_c = m_d = M$, while $m_u = 0$! However, it does provide a useful illustration of the workings of duality in hadronic decays of heavy mesons.

D. Proton-Antiproton Annihilation

To complete our survey of quark-hadron duality in reactions other than electron scattering, we consider a novel application of duality discussed recently in the context of proton-antiproton annihilation into photons, $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [354]. The similarity of this process with Compton scattering, viewed in the crossed channel, suggests that under certain kinematic conditions it may be described in terms of generalized parton distributions (see Sec. V E 3) through the dominance of the handbag diagram [355–358]. The appearance of duality in this reaction may therefore have elements in common with Bloom-Gilman duality in DIS.

In contrast to forward Compton scattering, where the “diquark” system is a spectator, in the $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ process the diquarks effectively annihilate into the vacuum, without emitting additional particles. In the limit $s \rightarrow \infty$ this constrains the diquarks to have zero momentum, and the annihilating $q\bar{q}$ pair must therefore carry all of the momentum of the hadrons, $x \rightarrow 1$ [355–357]. However, as Close & Zhao [354] point out, for $s \rightarrow \infty$ there are coherent, higher-twist contributions associated with the “cat’s ears” topologies (see Fig. 46(b)) which are of the same order of magnitude as the handbag diagram.

Phenomenologically the descriptions of Compton scattering and other processes in terms of leading-twist contributions have been relatively successful, even at intermediate values of s . Close & Zhao suggest [354] how the handbag dominance of $p\bar{p}$ annihilation could arise from quark-hadron duality when a suitable average over coherent contributions is made.

As discussed in Sec. V B 2 for inclusive electron scattering, the excitation of positive and negative parity intermediate state resonances gives rise to constructive interference for the incoherent contributions (proportional to e_q^2), but destructive for the coherent ($e_q e_{q'}$) terms. Similarly in the crossed channel, $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (or equivalently $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow p\bar{p}$), one finds that terms proportional to $\sum_{q \neq q'} e_q e_{q'}$ are suppressed because of destructive interference between even and odd parity excitations in the intermediate state.

Using a generalized form for the structure function from the model study of generalized parton distributions described in Sec. V E 3, Close & Zhao [354] suggest a factorized ansatz for the crossed channel structure function in the limit where the momentum fractions of the annihilating partons in the p and \bar{p} are same, $\xi = x_p - x_{\bar{p}} \rightarrow 0$,

$$F_2(x, \xi \rightarrow 0, s) = \sum_q e_q^2 x q(x) F_{\text{el}}(s) , \quad (302)$$

where $F_{\text{el}}(s)$ is the elastic form factor, and

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi=-1+|x|}^{1-|x|} \frac{d\xi}{x} F_2(x, \xi, s=0) = \sum_i e_i^2 [\theta(x) q(x) - \theta(-x) \bar{q}(-x)] . \quad (303)$$

A further consequence of this simple model is that the annihilation cross sections for $p\bar{p}$ and $n\bar{n}$ are determined by the constituent quark charges, $\sigma(p\bar{p})/\sigma(n\bar{n}) = (2e_u^2 + e_d^2)/(2e_d^2 + e_u^2) = 3/2$.

While more elaborate models would be needed for quantitative comparisons with data, the scheme described here gives a plausible mechanism to support the dominance of the leading-twist process in a region where its justification is otherwise questionable. Furthermore, it underscores the versatility of quark-hadron duality in finding application in a wide range of phenomena.

E. Reprise

The examples highlighted in this section indeed give strong support to the thesis that quark-hadron duality is not an isolated phenomenon but is a general feature of the strongly interacting landscape, of which Bloom-Gilman duality is one, albeit particularly striking, manifestation. The common features of hadronic sums leading to observables characterized by independence of scale can be seen in many different physical phenomena, such as the seminal e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons, as well as in numerous theoretical applications, most overtly in QCD sum rules. The scale independence is most conveniently accounted for by the presence of free, point-like constituents of hadrons, which is naturally accommodated through the existence of asymptotic freedom in QCD.

The crucial element in this “global” duality is the availability of a complete set of hadronic states, which is realized more effectively with increasing energy. The existence of duality in QCD is thus an inevitable consequence of confinement, which guarantees the orthogonality of quark-gluon and hadronic states and ensures no double counting, and asymptotic freedom, which allows perturbative descriptions at the quark level. Of course the details of the physical realization of duality must depend on specific applications, so that the energy at which duality can be said to hold at a given level will in general not be universal.

More intriguing perhaps, and more challenging from a theoretical perspective, is the appearance of “local” duality, in which a quark-hadron correspondence exists even when a small subset of hadronic states is summed over. As we have seen in the example of semi-leptonic weak decays of heavy mesons, as few as two final states can be sufficient to saturate the quark level result. In some cases local duality relations can be derived between a single hadronic state and the high-energy continuum, as illustrated in the vector meson dominance picture of e^+e^- annihilation. With clear parallels to the threshold relations between elastic form factors and leading-twist structure functions at $x \sim 1$, occurrences of local duality in other applications are suggestive, although understanding the dynamics responsible for local duality in QCD remains an important future pursuit.

Clearly, the concept of duality is an indispensable one in many areas of hadronic physics, and new applications continue to be found [355,359–364]. While the study of the origin of duality provides us with important clues to the inner workings of QCD, it is equally vital to understand violations of duality. As illustrated by the example of heavy meson decays, knowledge of the magnitude of higher-twist ($1/m_Q^2$) corrections within the OPE is essential for the extraction of CKM matrix elements. Similarly, control over higher twists has enormous practical benefits in electron scattering, such as in understanding the limits of applicability of leading-twist parton distribution function analyses, as well as in unraveling the long-range quark-gluon correlations in hadrons. In the next section we delve further into the practical relevance of duality, and outline plans for its future experimental study.

VII. OUTLOOK

In this section we take a somewhat longer-term perspective, and examine the prospects for experimental duality studies over the next decade. We discuss improvements which are expected in measurements of inclusive structure functions, both in electron and neutrino scattering, as well as in the relatively new realm of meson electroproduction. We begin, however, with a short discussion of the practical relevance of improving our understanding of the duality phenomenon.

A. Why is Duality Relevant?

Most theoretical studies of duality to date have concentrated on establishing how coherent resonance transitions excited in electron–nucleon scattering conspire to obtain the scaling behavior as expected from the underlying electron–quark scattering mechanism. Describing this transition in terms of narrow resonances built up from valence quarks can be motivated partly by the large- N_c limit of QCD, in which only resonances “survive” [199], as well as the experimental indication that duality seems to prevail in the small- Q^2 region dominated by valence quarks [58]. A number of recent model studies have also established conditions (such as cancellations between states of different parity) under which a summation over nucleon resonances can lead to the results expected from the parton model [102,117,215].

It is clear, nonetheless, that to understand the duality phenomenon in detail, one also needs to consider the role of the nonresonant background. Indeed, the “two-component” duality picture, postulated long ago in the context of hadron–hadron scattering, invokes duality between resonances and nondiffractive (valence) contributions on the one hand, and between the nonresonant background and diffractive (sea) effects on the other. In the electromagnetic case, the requirement of this interplay is most strikingly illustrated by the establishment of a precise ($< 10\%$ accuracy) local duality in the F_2 structure function *solely* in the Δ resonance region. Here local duality still appears at a Q^2 scale of 1 GeV^2 , even though there is only a single resonance contribution, with only very small contributions from tails of higher-mass resonances.

An obvious phenomenological path to investigate the interplay of resonant and nonresonant contributions in establishing quark-hadron duality would be within empirical models such as the Unitary Isobar MAID model [365], which provide phenomenological descriptions of inclusive and exclusive electron scattering reactions in the nucleon resonance region. Beyond a verification of duality within phenomenological models, *ab initio* calculations including both resonant and nonresonant contributions, especially in the Δ region, are needed to understand duality at a more fundamental level.

Since duality appears to be a general phenomenon in QCD, with examples ranging from e^+e^- annihilation and deep inelastic scattering, to inclusive decays of heavy quarks, dilepton production in heavy ion reactions [366], and hadronic τ decays [335], one has to wonder whether duality may be a general property of quantum field theories with inherent weak and strong coupling limits. This is especially relevant in view of the recent revival of interest in the relation between QCD and string theory [367–370]. String theory had its beginnings in a theory of strong interactions, but went out of fashion following the birth of QCD.

Nevertheless, the notion that these theories may be dual descriptions has persisted, and the interplay between gauge field theories and string theory is widely recognized. Indeed, it has been rigorously shown that strings describe some large- N_c limits of QCD [199]. With the realization by Maldacena of a duality between descriptions of higher-dimensional superstring theory and supersymmetric $SU(N)$ gauge field theories in four space-time dimensions [371], exploration of the possible connections between QCD and string theory [368,369] will be of great interest.

If we take quark-hadron duality to be a general property of QCD, it is still intriguing why Nature has redistributed its global strength in specific local regions, and what the ultimate origin of the duality violations is. This is nowhere better illustrated than in the transition from large Q^2 to $Q^2 = 0$. Obviously, strong local duality violations from a simple parton picture are found in the coherent, elastic channel in spin-averaged electron scattering, or the elastic and $N - \Delta$ channels in spin-dependent scattering. On the other hand, the higher excitation regions have already far more available channels contributing, and consequently mimic local duality more closely. Even more dramatically, for inclusive electron scattering the region $W^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ already has a sufficient number of electroproduction channels that experimentally one cannot distinguish between this region and the asymptotic high-energy limit of electron-free quark scattering.

If duality is understood quantitatively, or if regions where duality holds to good precision are well established, either experimentally or theoretically, then one can imagine widespread practical applications of duality. The region of very high x , for instance, which has not been explored at all experimentally due to the requirement of high-energy beams with sufficiently high luminosity, will become accessible. The $x \rightarrow 1$ region is an important testing ground for nonperturbative and perturbative mechanisms underpinning valence quark dynamics, and is vital to map out if we hope to achieve a complete description of nucleon structure. A good understanding of the large- x region will also have important consequences for future high-energy searches for new physics at the Tevatron, Large Hadron Collider, and Next Linear Collider [372]. Data from the nucleon resonance region, where quark-hadron duality has been established, could be used to better constrain QCD parameterizations of parton distribution functions, from which the hadronic backgrounds in high-energy collisions are computed.

The large- x region also constitutes an appreciable amount of the moments of polarized and unpolarized structure functions, especially for the higher moments. It is precisely these moments that can be calculated from first principles in QCD on the lattice [373], in terms of matrix elements of local operators. Presently, due to technical limitations, the lower moments are typically calculated at scales $Q^2 \sim 4 \text{ GeV}^2$. A comparison of the moments of leading-twist parton distributions with the measured moments at a given Q^2 can in principle tell us about the size of higher-twist effects at that Q^2 . On the other hand, since the x dependence of structure functions cannot be calculated on the lattice directly, one cannot easily use the lattice to learn about the degree to which duality holds locally. Indeed, the ability to calculate a leading-twist moment on the lattice implicitly uses quark-hadron duality to average the resonance contributions to a smooth, scaling function.

A quantitative understanding of quark-hadron duality, or more explicitly duality violations, may have other direct applications. The most clear-cut example is the problem of the B meson semileptonic branching ratio [335]. Theoretical calculations obtained in a

quark-gluon framework exceed the measured value by 10–20%. However, the possible local duality violations in this ratio are at present not clear. If the duality violations could be ruled out, such observations could lead to more precise tests of QCD, or to new physics at higher-energy scales. As Shifman point out, “short of a full solution of QCD, understanding and controlling the accuracy of quark-hadron duality is one of the most important and challenging problems for QCD practitioners today” [335].

B. Duality in Inclusive Electron Scattering

There are several avenues for pursuing experimental duality studies in inclusive electron scattering which will become accessible in the next few years. We focus on two of them here: structure functions at low Q^2 , and structure functions at large Bjorken- x .

1. Low Q^2 Structure Functions

As discussed in Section V A 3, experimentally duality is seen to hold even in the low- Q^2 regions where perturbative expansions would be expected to become unreliable, as one transcends the region where perturbative high-energy techniques are applicable, to the strongly-coupled, nonperturbative regime at $Q^2 = 0$. We saw, for example, that the Q^2 dependence of the F_2 structure function at intermediate x and the ratio R at $x = 0.1$, both at $Q^2 \sim 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$, do not follow expectations from electromagnetic current conservation. On the other hand, there are indications of duality between resonance and continuum cross sections even at the real photon point (see Fig. 51), as well as in the resemblance of low- Q^2 F_2 structure function data and xF_3 data from neutrino scattering (Fig. 17). The latter result is particularly striking: it suggests that at low Q^2 the F_2 structure function is dominated by valence quarks, with the sea contributions playing only a minor role.

Recent HERA experiments have shown that F_2 at very low x ($x \approx 10^{-6}$), and correspondingly very large W^2 , can be described by perturbative evolution down to $Q^2 \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, provided one adopts a gluon distribution which vanishes at low x (referred to as a “valence-like” gluon [374]) and a non-vanishing but small sea distribution. At even lower values of Q^2 , in the same very low- x region, the dramatic collapse of the proton structure function (Fig. 53) could be viewed as evidence for a smooth transition from pQCD to the real photon point at $Q^2 = 0$ [191,374]. Gauge invariance requires that the F_2 structure function for inelastic channels must vanish linearly with Q^2 as $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ [191].

Experimentally, however, at the values of x where the nucleon resonances are visible, and for similar low Q^2 ($\sim 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$), the F_2 structure function does *not* vanish linearly with Q^2 . On the other hand, the nucleon resonances *do* seem to obey some sort of duality, so the picture is currently somewhat murky. A possible resolution may involve a separate Q^2 dependence for the vanishing of the large- x strength at small Q^2 (governed by the nucleon resonances), and for the growth of the small- x sea [80].

An experiment to investigate the detailed behavior of the nucleon structure functions at low Q^2 , through the nucleon resonance region, has recently been carried out in Hall C at Jefferson Lab [375], and is currently being analyzed. Data from this experiment will fill the critical gap between $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ and the photoproduction limit, $Q^2 = 0$. This should

enable one to determine whether the Q^2 dependence observed in the nucleon resonance region is due to the suppression of the large nucleon sea, or a reflection of the vanishing of valence quark distributions at low Q^2 . Either way, it will provide valuable information on the region of Q^2 where the linear Q^2 behavior of the F_2 structure function sets in, and the extent to which duality may be relevant in the very low- Q^2 regime.

2. Structure Functions at Large x

The standard method to determine parton distribution functions is through global fits [67,68,81] of data on structure functions measured in deep inelastic scattering and other hard processes. It has been standard practice in these analyses to omit from the data base the entire resonance region, $W^2 < W_{\text{res}}^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ (or in some cases even $< 10 \text{ GeV}^2$). If one could utilize this vast quantity of resonance data, one could not only significantly improve the statistics, but also decrease uncertainties which arise from extrapolations of parton distributions into unmeasured regions of x . An important consequence of duality is that the strict distinction between the resonance and deep inelastic regions becomes artificial — both regions are intimately related, and properly averaged resonance data can help us understand the deep inelastic region.

Recall that for any finite Q^2 , one is always limited by kinematics to $x < x_{\text{res}} = Q^2/(W_{\text{res}}^2 - M^2 + Q^2)$. Extending to very large x at a finite Q^2 , one always encounters the resonance region, $W < W_{\text{res}}$. As discussed in Sec. V C, there are a number of reasons why the large- x region is important. Firstly, given better constraints on the Q^2 dependence at large x , one could derive parameterizations for parton distributions directly from the data without resorting to theoretical inputs for extrapolations to $x = 1$. Secondly, the region of $x \approx 1$ is an important testing ground for mechanisms of spin-flavor symmetry breaking in valence quark distributions of the nucleon [9,72,257]. Thirdly, with nuclear targets it would permit a measurement of the nuclear medium modification of the nucleon structure function at large x (nuclear EMC effect) [376], where the deviation from unity of the ratio of nuclear to nucleon structure functions is largest, and sensitivity to different nuclear structure models greatest. Finally, knowledge of quark distributions at large x is essential for determining high-energy cross sections at collider energies, such as in searches for new physics beyond the Standard Model [372], where structure information at large x feeds down through perturbative Q^2 evolution to lower x at higher values of Q^2 .

A quantitative description of nucleon structure in terms of parton distribution functions relies, however, on our ability to unravel in detail the Q^2 dependence of the data. In particular, it is important to obtain more precise information on the regions of x and Q^2 where perturbative evolution [60] can no longer be considered the main mechanism responsible for the Q^2 dependence of the data. There are arguments [377], for example, which suggest that xW^2 , rather than Q^2 , is the natural mass scale of the twist expansion (since at large x the struck quark becomes highly off-shell, with virtuality $k^2 \sim k_{\perp}^2/(1-x)$). Because $xW^2 \sim Q^2(1-x)$, the difference between evolution in Q^2 and in $Q^2(1-x)$ becomes most important at large x . Experimentally this seems to be confirmed using nucleon resonance region data in a local duality framework [82], although a more thorough investigation using additional large- x data should be pursued.

In perturbative QCD analyses performed so far higher-twist terms have been extracted from data by applying a cut in the kinematics at $W^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ [378–380]. In Refs. [82,381] it was shown that only a relatively small higher-twist contribution, consistent with the one obtained in Refs. [378–380], is necessary in order to describe the entire set of F_2 structure function data. The low- W^2 region dominated by nucleon resonances was analyzed recently by Liuti *et al.* [82] within a fixed- W^2 framework (*i.e.*, for each resonance region), in the spirit of the $Q^2(1-x)$ evolution above. The higher-twist contributions in the nucleon resonance region were found to be similar to those from $W^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$, with the exception of the Δ region where the effects were larger. Although it may seem *a priori* surprising that higher-twist effects originally derived from deep inelastic data can also be extracted exclusively from the resonance region, this follows automatically from quark-hadron duality.

Currently a concerted experimental effort is underway to measure both spin-averaged and spin-dependent structure functions at intermediate Q^2 ($\sim 5 \text{ GeV}^2$) and at large x . The strategy of these experiments is to firstly verify duality in local resonance regions at some scale Q_0^2 , and then use local duality to extend parton distributions to larger x for $Q^2 > Q_0^2$. At present local duality has only been well quantified for the F_2 structure function at $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ [7,82], although as we saw in Sec. IV there are qualitative indications of duality in other spin-averaged and spin-dependent structure functions as well.

In the near future a series of experiments in Hall C at Jefferson Lab will push measurements of the unpolarized structure functions (for protons to heavy nuclei) up to the largest values of x and Q^2 attainable with a 6 GeV beam energy [382–385]. These will extend existing measurements of the F_2 structure function of the proton and deuteron up to $Q^2 \approx 7 \text{ GeV}^2$ [382]. Since duality has been well verified for each of the individual resonance regions already at $Q^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, the new data will allow extensions of measured parton distributions with good precision up to $x \approx 0.9$. In addition, the issue of Q^2 versus W^2 evolution can be revisited with higher precision. The new measurements will also allow high-precision extractions of the lower moments of the F_2 structure function moments at these Q^2 values. Obvious extensions of this program to higher Q^2 and x , both in the polarized and unpolarized cases, are possible with the planned 12 GeV beam energy upgrade at Jefferson Lab [242].

To experimentally verify proper extraction of F_2 in the experiments using deuteron targets, the ratio R of longitudinal to transverse deuteron cross sections is required. A dedicated effort is being made using the longitudinal–transverse (LT) separation technique to determine both the unpolarized structure functions F_1^d and F_2^d [383] over a similar Q^2 range as mapped out for the proton. This will provide a global survey of LT-separated unpolarized structure functions on deuterium throughout the resonance region with an order of magnitude better precision than previously possible.

Two further experiments [384,385] will vastly extend the present F_2^A structure function data using a large range of nuclear targets, spanning from ^3He to ^{197}Au . The emphasis of these experiments will be twofold: to experimentally verify the observed scaling behavior of F_2^A data in the region of $x > 1$ and $Q^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$, and to extend measurements of the nuclear EMC effect to larger x values [386] and to few-body nuclei. Light nuclei are of special interest due to their relatively large neutron excess, and because theoretical calculations of the nuclear EMC effect can be based on better determined wave functions, in contrast to heavier nuclei. They may help to differentiate, for example, between models of the nuclear

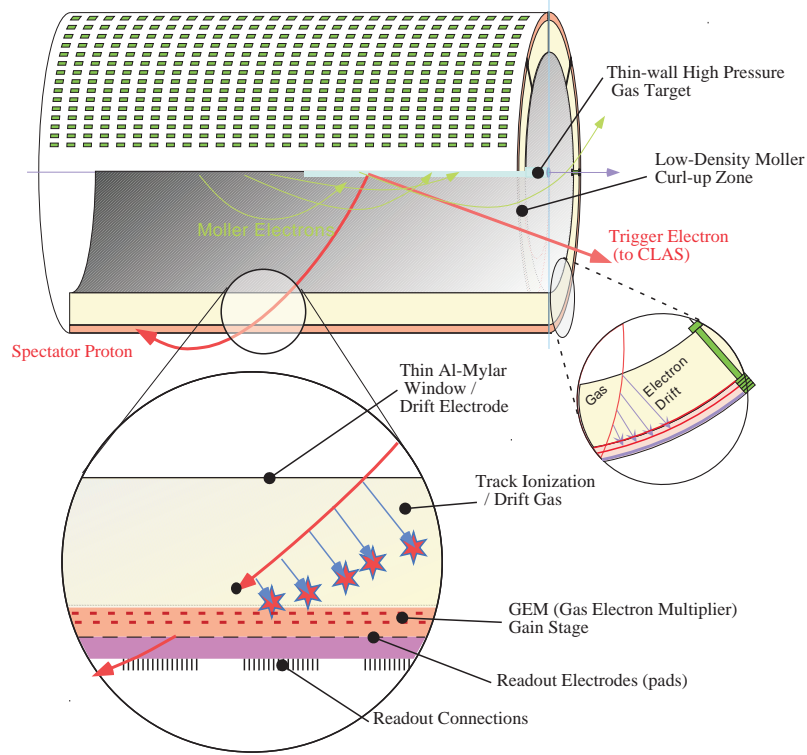


FIG. 79. Sketch of the radial time projection chamber for the electron–(quasi-free) neutron scattering experiment as proposed in Ref. [387]. The upper portion of the figure shows background Møller electrons and a highly-ionizing low-energy spectator proton in a cylindrical detector inside a strong solenoidal magnetic field. The lower portion shows pad readout of the highly-ionizing proton track.

EMC effect based on an A dependence or a density dependence of the magnitude of the effect at $x \sim 0.6$ [253].

To “round off” upcoming efforts to study the duality phenomenon in unpolarized structure functions, a dedicated experiment has been designed to extend the vast amount of existing electron–proton scattering data to the neutron [387]. Compared to the structure of the proton, much less is known about neutron structure due to the absence of free neutron targets, and the theoretical uncertainties associated with extracting information from neutrons bound in nuclei. This is especially critical at large x and in the resonance region.

To overcome this problem, the new experiment will measure the inclusive electron scattering cross section on an almost free neutron using the CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS) and a novel recoil detector with a low momentum threshold for protons and high rate capability (see Fig. 79). This detector will allow tagging of slow backward-moving spectator protons with momentum as low as 70 MeV in coincidence with the scattered electron in the reaction $d(e, e'p)X$. The restriction to low momentum will ensure that the electron scattering takes place on an almost free neutron, with its initial four-momentum inferred from the observed spectator proton. (For an alternative method of determining inclusive neutron cross sections using a combination of ^3He and ^3H targets, see Ref. [388].)

The spectator tagging technique will be used to extract the structure function F_2^n over a large range of Q^2 (up to $\sim 5 \text{ GeV}^2$) and W (from the elastic peak to $W = 3 \text{ GeV}$). The kinematic coverage, including the elastic and resonance regions, as well as part of the deep inelastic continuum, will allow the first quantitative tests of quark-hadron duality in the neutron. As discussed in Sec. V C 2, Close and Isgur [102] argued using a quark model that the neutron structure functions should exhibit systematic deviations from local duality, and that duality should occur at higher W for the neutron than the proton.

For spin-dependent scattering, two experiments will access the g_1 structure function in the nucleon resonance region up to $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$. The CLAS Collaboration routinely has running periods scattering polarized electrons from polarized NH_3 and ND_3 targets [115]. The Hall A Collaboration has also just performed a measurement scattering polarized electrons from a polarized ^3He target [123] to test duality in the neutron g_1^n structure function, and the data are currently being analyzed.

The precision of the g_1 structure function data will be further enhanced by the results of the LT-separated unpolarized structure function data in a similar Q^2 region, and by two Hall C experiments at Jefferson Lab to fully disentangle the g_1 and g_2 structure functions. These latter experiments will in particular determine the g_2 structure function with high precision at $Q^2 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ [113] and $Q^2 \sim 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ [389], respectively. Data at $Q^2 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ are presently under analysis.

The onset of duality in all spin-averaged and spin-dependent structure functions will soon be well verified up to $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$. The combination of LT-separated unpolarized F_1 and F_2 structure functions, in addition to separated polarized electron scattering data determining g_1 and g_2 , will allow for unprecedented precision tests of duality in nucleon structure functions. It will in addition reveal the extent to which duality can be used to access the $x \rightarrow 1$ region, and should shed considerable light on this somewhat obscure but vital corner of phase space.

C. Neutrino Scattering

In discussing Bloom-Gilman duality in this report, we have dealt almost exclusively with observables measured using electron scattering. Weak currents, on the other hand, can provide complementary information on the quark structure of hadrons, not accessible to electromagnetic probes. In particular, neutrino-induced reactions can provide important consistency checks on the validity of duality. While deep inelastic neutrino structure functions are determined by the same set of universal parton distribution functions as in charged lepton scattering, the structure of resonance transitions excited by neutrino beams is in some cases strikingly different to that excited by virtual photons. Although on general grounds one may expect that a Bloom-Gilman type duality should also exist for weak structure functions [104], the details of how this manifests itself in neutrino scattering may be quite different from that observed in electron scattering.

Unfortunately, current neutrino scattering data are sparse in the resonance region [390], and due to the small weak cross sections is often only available for heavy nuclei (where large target volumes are easier to handle and are more affordable than light nuclei) [391]. It has not been possible therefore to make any concrete statements to date about the validity of

duality in neutrino scattering.

The main difference between electron and neutrino scattering reactions can be most easily understood considering specific resonance transitions. While a neutrino beam can convert a neutron into a proton, it cannot convert a proton into a neutron, for example (and *vice versa* for an antineutrino beam). Similarly, there are dramatic differences between inelastic production rates in the Δ resonance region [101,392] — because of charge conservation, only transitions to isospin-3/2 states from the proton are allowed. The prospect of high-intensity neutrino beams at Fermilab, as well as in Japan and Europe, offers a valuable complement to the study of duality and resonance transitions. For example, the recently-approved MINER ν A experiment [393] at Fermilab will be an exceptional tool for such measurements. The goal of MINER ν A will be to perform a high-statistics neutrino-nucleus scattering experiment using a fine-grained detector specifically designed to measure low-energy neutrino-nucleus interactions accurately. The high-luminosity NuMI beam line at Fermilab will provide energies spanning the range $\sim 1 - 15$ GeV, over both the resonance and deep inelastic regimes, making MINER ν A a potentially very important facility to study quark-hadron duality in neutrino scattering.

A particularly interesting measurement would be of the ratio of neutron to proton neutrino structure functions at large x . Here, similar valence quark dynamics as in charged lepton scattering are probed, but with different sensitivity to quark flavors. At the hadronic level, quark model studies reveal quite distinct patterns of resonance transitions to the lowest-lying positive and negative parity multiplets of SU(6) [101,117,250,251]. The contributions of the $N \rightarrow N^*$ transition matrix elements to the F_1 and g_1 structure functions of the proton and neutron in the SU(6) quark model are displayed in Table III. Summation over the $N \rightarrow N^*$ transitions (for the case of equal symmetric and antisymmetric contributions to the wave function, $\lambda = \rho$) yields the expected SU(6) quark-parton model results, providing an explicit confirmation of duality. On the other hand, some modes of spin-flavor symmetry breaking ($\lambda \neq \rho$) yield neutrino structure function ratios which at the parton level are in obvious conflict with those obtained from electroproduction, as shown in Table I in Sec. V C 2. Neutrino structure function data can therefore provide valuable checks on the appearance of duality and its consistency between electromagnetic and weak probes.

SU(6) rep.	$^2\mathbf{8}[56^+]$	$^4\mathbf{10}[56^+]$	$^2\mathbf{8}[70^-]$	$^4\mathbf{8}[70^-]$	$^2\mathbf{10}[70^-]$	total
$F_1^{\nu p}$	0	$24\lambda^2$	0	0	$3\lambda^2$	$27\lambda^2$
$F_1^{\nu n}$	$(9\rho + \lambda)^2/4$	$8\lambda^2$	$(9\rho - \lambda)^2/4$	$4\lambda^2$	λ^2	$(81\rho^2 + 27\lambda^2)/2$
$g_1^{\nu p}$	0	$-12\lambda^2$	0	0	$3\lambda^2$	$-9\lambda^2$
$g_1^{\nu n}$	$(9\rho + \lambda)^2/4$	$-4\lambda^2$	$(9\rho - \lambda)^2/4$	$-2\lambda^2$	λ^2	$(81\rho^2 - 9\lambda^2)/2$

TABLE III. Relative strengths of neutrino-induced $N \rightarrow N^*$ transitions in the SU(6) quark model [117]. The coefficients λ and ρ denote the relative strengths of the symmetric and antisymmetric contributions, respectively, of the ground state wave function. The SU(6) limit corresponds to $\lambda = \rho$.

Similarly, it would be of particular interest to verify the onset of duality in the xF_3 structure function in deep inelastic neutrino scattering. The xF_3 structure function describes

the response to the vector–axial vector interference, and is as such associated with the parity-violating hadronic current. Consequently in the quark-parton model the xF_3 structure function measures the difference of quark and antiquark distributions, and is insensitive to sea quarks. As described in Sec. IV, the resemblance of the average F_2 electroproduction structure function at low Q^2 in the nucleon resonance region to the measured deep inelastic xF_3 structure function [58] suggests a sensitivity to resonant contributions only. If the interplay between resonances and nonresonant backgrounds is an important contributor to the onset of duality, one could anticipate this onset to occur at larger Q^2 scales in the xF_3 structure function.

Lastly, it is worth mentioning that a large effort to consistently model electron, muon, and neutrino scattering is currently being undertaken [394]. Data from atmospheric neutrino experiments [395] and neutrinos from the Sun [396,397] have been interpreted as evidence for neutrino oscillations. These neutrino data dictate the need for next generation, accelerator-based, oscillation experiments using few-GeV neutrino energies. Good modeling of neutrino cross sections at low energies is needed for this upcoming generation of more precise neutrino oscillation experiments. This is particularly true for neutrinos in the region around 1 GeV, where, for example, single-pion production comprises about 30% of the total charged-current cross section. A solid understanding of the transition between the deep inelastic and resonance production regimes will be crucial to this effort. Because of experimental resolution and Fermi motion (for nuclear targets) a description of the average cross section in the resonance region is expected to be sufficient, and hence duality can also be used as a tool to model this transition.

D. Duality in Meson Electroproduction

While considerable insight into quark-hadron duality has already been gained from inclusive electron scattering studies of the F_1 , F_2 , and g_1 structure functions, duality in the case of semi-inclusive meson photo- and electroproduction is yet to be as thoroughly tested experimentally. Here, duality would manifest itself in an observed scaling in the meson plus resonance final state [149].

As discussed in Secs. IVD and VD, at high energies one expects factorization between the virtual photon–quark interaction, and the subsequent quark \rightarrow hadron fragmentation. In this case the $eN \rightarrow e'hX$ reaction cross section, at leading order in α_s , is simply given by a product of the parton distribution function and a quark fragmentation function to a specific hadron h . We will initially restrict ourselves to the hadron being an energetic meson (π or K) detected in the final state in coincidence with the scattered electron. The detected meson is assumed to carry most, but not all, of the energy transfer, such that other mesons may also be produced. We will come back to heavier mesons and baryons at the end of this section.

By selecting only mesons carrying most of the energy transfer, one can more cleanly separate the target and current fragmentation regions. However, at low energies the struck quark still converts into the meson in the vicinity of the scattering process, and it is not obvious that here one can make the simplifying assumption of factorization. Nonetheless, if duality holds one may see behavior consistent with the simple high-energy factorization

picture, and recent data does tend to support factorization at lower energies than previously assumed.

The implication for semi-inclusive scattering is then that the overall scale of scattering in the low- W' region must mirror that at high W' , where W' is the mass of the unobserved hadrons. This surprising property may come about *if* the various decay channels from resonances with varying W' interfere in such a way as to produce factorization. Obviously, this would require a nontrivial interference between the decay channels, although there are empirical indications for such behavior from hadronic τ decays [335], as well as theoretically in quark model studies [102] (see Sec. V D). Schematically, the resonance region would appear here as the exclusive limit of a high-energy fragmentation function $D_{q \rightarrow h}(z, Q^2)$, similar to the momentum spectrum of produced hadrons in the inclusive hadron production reaction $\gamma^* N \rightarrow MX$ in Fig. 70 [226].

These considerations strongly suggest that a beam energy of order 10 GeV will provide the right kinematical region to quantitatively study the appearance of duality, and the associated onset of factorization, in meson electroproduction. In the framework of duality, separating current and target fragmentation regions and restricting oneself to the region $W' > 2$ GeV (beyond the resonance region of the residual system after removal of the meson) are sufficient conditions to mimic the high-energy limit. An upcoming Hall C experiment at JLab [161] will investigate this in detail, addressing two main questions: (i) Do the $\gamma^* N \rightarrow \pi^\pm X$ cross sections factorize at low energies and reproduce the fragmentation functions determined from high-energy scattering? (ii) Do nucleon resonances average around these high-energy fragmentation functions and exhibit duality? Duality may still be found in these processes, regardless whether factorization (in x and z) does or does not hold [102].

If factorization *is* found to hold, it can open up new lines of investigation into quark fragmentation and QCD at ~ 10 GeV energies. Jefferson Lab with a 12 GeV electron beam [242] would be an ideal facility to study meson production in the current fragmentation region at moderate Q^2 , allowing the onset of scaling to be tracked in the pre-asymptotic regime. This would allow for unprecedented studies of the spin and flavor dependence of duality, which can be most readily accessed through semi-inclusive electron scattering. In addition, one could also study the role of duality in exclusive reactions, such as deeply virtual Compton scattering or (hard) pion photoproduction (Secs. V E 3 and V E 4), which may answer the important practical question of whether the recently developed formalism of generalized parton distributions is applicable at intermediate energies.

At higher energies (~ 100 – 200 GeV) experiments at CERN [398] have demonstrated the existence of a clear separation between current and target fragmentation regions. Although these data have been accumulated at high W' , there does not seem an *a priori* reason why such separation would not persist into the low- W' region, for sufficiently high energies. Extending such data into the unexplored low- W' region would enable a detailed investigation of duality in the current fragmentation region with various meson and baryon tags, in addition to a search for duality in target fragmentation. With new data on semi-inclusive scattering in and beyond the resonance region, one can use tags of various mesons to test whether sensitivity to sea quarks can be enhanced with K^- or ϕ mesons, where resonances are not easily produced in the residual system, and what the vector mesons are dual to. An understanding of duality for baryon tags and target fragments would be the next challenge for electron scattering experiments.

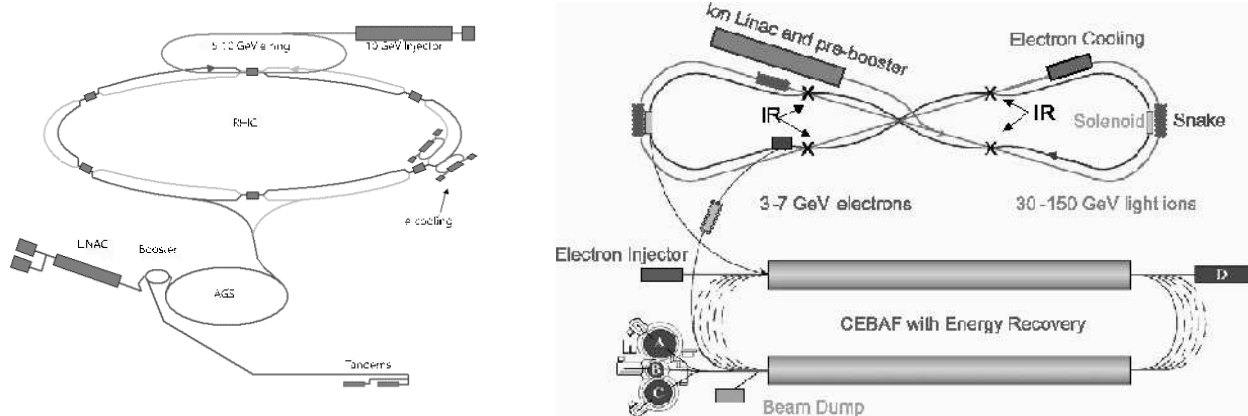


FIG. 80. Schematic layout of the electron-Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (eRHIC) under investigation at Brookhaven National Laboratory [399,400] (left), and the Electron-Light Ion Collider (ELIC) at Jefferson Lab [401] (right).

Higher electron energies would also enable one to investigate duality in the heavy quark sector [341–343], and that between hadrons and jets [278] (Sec. V D 2). The higher center of mass energy projected at the electron–hadron colliders presently under discussion at both Brookhaven National Laboratory and Jefferson Lab [399,400] (see Fig. 80) will allow for a superior tool to perform such studies. Despite a lower luminosity than available for fixed-target experiments, such a collider would use its far higher center of mass energy to enable measurements transcending the region where perturbative QCD calculations are more readily applicable, and factorization of current and target fragmentation regions less problematic. The development of such facilities offers an exciting opportunity to push our understanding of hadron structure far beyond its present limits.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The historical origins of quark-hadron duality can be traced back to the 1960s, and the discovery of s - and t -channel duality in hadronic reactions. This duality reflected the remarkable relationship between low-energy hadronic cross sections and their high-energy behavior, which, in the context of finite energy sum rules, allowed Regge parameters (describing high-energy scattering) to be inferred from the (low-energy) properties of resonances.

It was natural, therefore, that the early observations of a duality between resonance production and the high-energy continuum in inclusive electron–nucleon deep inelastic scattering would be interpreted within a similar framework. Bloom & Gilman found that by averaging the proton F_2 structure function data over an appropriate energy range the resulting structure function closely resembled the scaling function which described the high-energy scattering of electrons from point-like partons.

With the emergence of QCD came the realization that at a fundamental level the quark-hadron duality phenomenon reflects the transition between the physics of nonperturbative and perturbative QCD. In particular, the development of the operator product expansion in high-energy physics allowed a very simple interpretation of duality in terms of leading-twist parton distribution functions, with violations of duality attributed to higher-twist effects associated with nonperturbative multi-parton correlations.

Simply from unitarity, the access to a complete set of states means that descriptions of observables in terms of either quark and gluon or hadronic degrees of freedom must be equivalent, which itself is a statement about the existence of confinement in QCD. In practice, however, the computation of observables in different kinematic regions is often made considerably easier with a different choice of basis; in terms of hadrons at low energies, or in terms of quarks and gluons at high energies. The existence of regions where *both* truncated quark-gluon *and* hadronic bases can provide accurate descriptions is one of the remarkable consequences of duality. The same forces of confinement also mean, however, that there must exist a limit to how small these regions can be, and that duality must eventually break down at a very local level.

Electron scattering provides a wonderful stage for investigating the dynamical origin of quark-hadron duality. The perturbative scaling of the deep inelastic structure functions occurs here in terms of the parton light-cone momentum fraction x , which can be accessed at different values of Q^2 and W^2 , both within and outside the resonance region. Hence, both the resonance spectra and the scaling function describing the high-energy cross section can be mapped by varying the mass Q^2 of the virtual photon.

Following the pioneering deep inelastic scattering experiments at SLAC over three decades ago, the availability of (continuous wave) high-luminosity polarized beams, together with polarized targets, has allowed one to revisit Bloom-Gilman duality with unprecedented precision, and disentangle its spin, flavor, and nuclear dependence, both in local and global regions. The results have been striking: quark-hadron duality occurs at much lower Q^2 and in far less limited regimes than could have been expected.

For spin-averaged structure functions, the resonance region spectra agree to better than 10% precision with the perturbative scaling function, down to Q^2 as low as 0.5 GeV^2 . This is true for both the transverse and longitudinal structure functions, which is all the more remarkable given that the longitudinal structure function is associated with higher-twist

contributions in QCD. Moreover, the quark-hadron duality phenomenon is found to occur in fairly local regions of W^2 , working quite well even in the region where only the Δ resonance resides. In nuclei, the well established ξ -scaling behavior is found to be just a reflection of the nucleus averaging the nucleon electromagnetic response over a finite energy range, by virtue of the nucleon Fermi motion.

For spin-dependent structure functions, the onset occurs at higher Q^2 , but indications are that also here the transition to perturbative scaling behavior is mostly complete by $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$, even for local regions of W^2 . The slower onset of duality reflects the greater role played by the Δ resonance (as the ground state of the spin-3/2 states) here than in spin-independent scattering. Nonetheless, the region beyond $W^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ already closely follows the perturbative scaling behavior for $Q^2 \gtrsim 0.8 \text{ GeV}^2$. The existing evidence indicates that duality works at lower Q^2 for the neutron than the proton, but additional data are needed to quantify this more precisely.

The reported experimental developments in the study of quark-hadron duality have coincided with considerable progress made over the last few years in our theoretical understanding of this phenomenon. Perturbative QCD calculations are now available with high precision, making detailed studies of the Q^2 dependence of structure functions possible. Moment analyses of structure function data show surprisingly small amounts of higher-twist contributions to the low moments, suggesting that single quark processes dominate the scattering mechanism even down to $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ for some observables. It is not yet understood, however, from first principles in QCD why a leading-twist description should provide a good approximation to structure functions at such low Q^2 .

Indeed, while the operator product expansion allows one to identify and organize the duality violations in terms of the matrix elements of higher-twist operators, it cannot by itself explain *why* certain higher-twist matrix elements are small, or cancel. Physical insight into the origins of early (or “precocious”) scaling requires nonperturbative methods, such as lattice QCD, or QCD-inspired models, in order to understand the dynamics responsible for the transition to scaling. While lattice simulations of leading-twist matrix elements are approaching a relatively mature stage, with direct comparisons with experiment soon feasible, calculations of higher-twist matrix elements are still in their infancy.

In light of this, many of the recent developments on the theoretical front have been in the context of models, with varying degrees of sophistication, which have allowed a number of important features of the quark-hadron transition in structure functions to be elucidated. An important realization has been that resonances themselves constitute an integral part of scaling structure function, and that the traditional resonance–scaling distinction is somewhat arbitrary. Phenomenologically, while the traditional resonance region ($W \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}$) contributes a significant part of the total structure function at low Q^2 ($\sim 70\%$ for the $n = 2$ moment of F_2^p at $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$), the higher-twist contributions at the same Q^2 are considerably smaller ($\sim 10\%$ of the total F_2^p moment).

Theoretically, this dichotomy can be dramatically illustrated in the large- N_c limit of QCD, where the hadronic spectrum consists of infinitely many narrow resonances, which are protected from strong decay by the suppression of sea quark loops. Since the quark level calculation yields a smooth, scaling function, some form of resonance averaging is needed to yield the required quark-hadron duality, even in the limit as $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$. This can be explicitly demonstrated in the case of 1+1 dimensions (the ’t Hooft model), or in models which provide

generalizations to 3+1 dimensions. Other model studies have clarified how scaling can arise in the presence of strong confining interactions responsible for the formation of bound state resonances. For the case of a harmonic oscillator potential, the energy spectrum can be calculated exactly, and the inclusive structure function obtained from a direct sum over the squares of transition form factors.

At first sight the equivalence of a coherent sum over exclusive $N \rightarrow N^*$ transitions and an incoherent sum over individual quark contributions to the inclusive structure function seems impossible; the former (in the case of electric couplings) is proportional to the square of a sum of quark charges, while the latter is given by the sum over the squares of quark charges. A resolution of this dilemma comes with the observation that interference effects, such as those between even- and odd-parity excited states, can result in cancellations of the duality-violating cross terms (which can be identified with higher-twist, multi-parton effects), exposing the leading-twist, diagonal contributions which interfere constructively. Critical to this observation is the fact that a certain minimum subset of states must be summed over in order for duality to be saturated. Such patterns of constructive and destructive interference can be realized in phenomenological models, such as the nonrelativistic quark model and its various extensions, for both unpolarized and polarized structure functions.

Although these studies have shed considerable light upon the dynamical origins of quark-hadron duality, there are still important questions which need to be addressed before we come to a quantitative understanding of Bloom-Gilman duality in the structure function data. The observation of duality in spin-averaged structure functions in the region of the Δ resonance, for instance, suggests nontrivial interference effects between resonant and non-resonant (background) physics. Early descriptions of the resonance and background contributions employed the so-called two-component model of duality, in which the resonances are dual to valence quarks (associated with the exchange of Reggeons at high energy), while the background is dual to the $q\bar{q}$ sea (associated with Pomeron exchange). In more modern language, this would call for a QCD-based derivation in which the properties of the nonresonant background can be calculated within the same framework as those of the resonances on top of which they sit.

It is also clear that the quark-hadron duality phenomenon is not restricted to inclusive electron-hadron scattering alone. If, as we believe, it is a general property of QCD, then it should manifest itself in other processes and in different observables. There are, in fact, predictions for quark-hadron duality in semi-inclusive and exclusive electroproduction reactions. The available evidence is scant, but it does suggest that at energy scales of a few GeV such reactions may proceed by closely mimicking a high-energy picture of free electron-quark scattering. This will be an exciting area of research for the next decade, within reach of the energy and luminosity of 1–100 GeV electron scattering facilities.

Further afield, important lessons about Bloom-Gilman duality can be learned from duality in areas outside of electron-hadron scattering. The prototypical reaction in which duality has been studied is e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons. Semileptonic and nonleptonic weak decays of heavy mesons have provided extremely rich ground on which duality has been tested and quantified. In fact, duality between heavy quarks and heavy mesons is vital here for the extraction of fundamental Standard Model parameters such as the CKM matrix elements. More recent applications of quark-hadron duality include deeply virtual Compton scattering, and $p\bar{p}$ annihilation. Duality also underpins the entire successful phenomenology of the

QCD sum rule method of computing hadronic observables.

It is truly remarkable that in a region where we have only a few resonances, all consisting of strongly interacting quarks and gluons, the physics still ends up resembling a perturbative quark-gluon theory. Quark-hadron duality is the underlying cause of the smooth transition “on average” from hadrons to quarks witnessed in Nature, allowing simple partonic descriptions of observables down to relatively low-energy scales. Unraveling the dynamics and origin of quark-hadron duality may well hold the key to understanding the details of the quark-hadron transition in QCD.

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APPENDIX: SCALING VARIABLES

Here we collate and summarize for reference the various scaling variables which are commonly used in the literature, or which have been used in this report.

1. The classic scaling variable derived by Bjorken is defined in terms of the ratio of the squared momentum and energy transferred to the nucleon,

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} , \quad (304)$$

where M is the mass of the nucleon. This is the correct scaling variable in the Bjorken limit, in which both Q^2 and $\nu \rightarrow \infty$. In this limit the variable x corresponds to the “plus”-component of the light-cone momentum fraction of the nucleon carried by the struck parton. In the early literature one often encounters the inverse of the Bjorken- x variable, namely

$$\omega = \frac{1}{x} . \quad (305)$$

2. Different variables have been suggested in order to improve the scaling behavior at finite momentum transfer, in the pre-asymptotic region. Phenomenologically, Bloom & Gilman introduced the variable [2]

$$\omega' = \frac{2M\nu + M^2}{Q^2} = 1 + \frac{W^2}{Q^2} = \omega + \frac{M^2}{Q^2} , \quad (306)$$

which they found gave better scaling in the F_2 structure function in the resonance region.

3. An improved scaling variable which was subsequently derived from the kinematics of deep inelastic scattering at finite Q^2 is the Nachtmann variable [12],

$$\xi = \frac{2x}{1 + \sqrt{1 + Q^2/\nu^2}} = \frac{2x}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2}} , \quad (307)$$

which takes into account target mass corrections, M^2/Q^2 . Expanding ξ in powers of $1/Q^2$ at high Q^2 gives

$$\frac{1}{\xi} \approx \omega + \frac{M^2}{\omega Q^2}, \quad (308)$$

which makes apparent the origin of the Bloom & Gilman variable ω' above.

4. While the Nachtmann ξ variable is an improvement on Bjorken- x at finite Q^2 , it is, however, not the most general scaling variable. It implicitly assumes massless, on-shell quarks with zero transverse momentum. A generalization of the Nachtmann variable to include finite quark masses m was made by Barbieri *et al.* [15],

$$\xi_{\text{Barb}} = \frac{Q^2 + \sqrt{(Q^2 + 4m^2Q^2)}}{2M\nu \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + Q^2/\nu^2}\right)}. \quad (309)$$

Here the initial and final quarks are taken to have the same mass, although the generalization to unequal masses is straightforward [15].

5. Including in addition the effects of quark transverse momentum, the light-cone momentum fraction of the nucleon carried by a parton can be written in its most general form as

$$\gamma = \frac{x}{1 + \sqrt{1 + Q^2/\nu^2}} \left(1 - \frac{k^2 - m^2}{Q^2}\right) \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4(k^2 + k_T^2)/Q^2}{(1 - (k^2 - m^2)/Q^2)^2}}\right), \quad (310)$$

where k^2 is the quark virtuality, and k_T the quark transverse momentum. In the limit $k^2/Q^2 \sim k_T^2/Q^2 \sim m^2/Q^2 \ll 1$, this variable reduces to the Nachtmann scaling variable, $\gamma \rightarrow \xi$.

6. Variables used in various model studies in this report include the nonrelativistic scaling variable employed by Greenberg [207]

$$x_{\text{nr}} = \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2M\nu}, \quad (311)$$

which uses \vec{q}^2 rather than the four-momentum transfer squared, Q^2 .

7. Taking into account the effects of the spectator “diquark” system, once a quark has been removed from the nucleon, Gurvitz [209] derived the light-cone momentum fraction carried by a struck quark as

$$\tilde{x} = \frac{x + \sqrt{1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2} - \sqrt{(1-x)^2 + 4m_s^2x^2/Q^2}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4M^2x^2/Q^2}}, \quad (312)$$

where m_s is the mass of the spectator system. At large Q^2 , \tilde{x} and ξ are related by [209]

$$\tilde{x} \simeq \xi + \frac{M^2 x^2}{Q^2} - \frac{m_s^2 x^2}{(1-x)Q^2} , \quad (313)$$

and $\tilde{x} \rightarrow \xi \rightarrow x$ in the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$.

8. The scaling variable u used in the heavy-light quark model of Isgur *et al.* [197] is given by

$$u = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\sqrt{\nu^2 + Q^2} - \nu \right) \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2}{Q^2}} \right) , \quad (314)$$

which takes into account both target mass and quark mass effects [15] (*cf.* the variable \tilde{x} above). In the Bjorken limit the variable u becomes the scaled Bjorken variable,

$$u \rightarrow \frac{M}{m} x . \quad (315)$$

9. Finally, the West scaling variable y is defined in terms of the momentum q and energy ν of the photon,

$$y = -\frac{q}{2} + \frac{m\nu}{q} . \quad (316)$$

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